

Town of Meredith, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1

Fiscal year commences

March 1

Meeting of Supervisors of Check List 2:00-5:00 p. m.

March 5

Meeting of Supervisors of Check List 2:00-5:00 p. m.
7:00-9:00 p. m.

March 7

Meeting of Supervisors of Check List 2:00-5:00 p. m.
7:00-9:00 p. m.

March 8

Annual Town Meeting

March 25

Annual Meeting Meredith Village Fire Precinct

March 31

Automobile Registrations Expire

April 1

All property, both real and personal, assessed to owner as of April 1

April 7

Annual Meeting of Meredith School District

April 15

Last day to file inventory to be eligible to make claim for abatement (Revised Laws, C. 77, S 14)
Last day for Veterans to file for tax exemption (See Veterans Law Page).

May 1

Dog tax due. Licenses available from Town Clerk.

December 1

Unpaid real and personal taxes commence drawing interest at 6%
Unpaid Head Taxes subject to penalty of 50 cents on and after this date

December 31

Fiscal year closes

The sketches appearing on the front cover are of the same three locations shown on the cover of the 1953 report as they appear today.

The assistance of Mrs. Ruth Beede for the cover scenes and other sketches appearing in this report, of Mr. Raymond Pickering for the historical information and to all others who have had any part in preparing this report is gratefully acknowledged.

Annual Report of the Officers
of the
TOWN OF MEREDITH

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31,

1954

New Hampshire Annual Report Contest

This certifies that

THE TOWN OF **MEREDITH**

has been awarded **FIRST PLACE**
in **Class III** for the year 1954 in recognition of
the excellence of its 1953 Annual Report.

Judges:

Mary Louise Hancock
Julian Foss
Kenneth C. Foss

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SERVICE,
DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT:
David C. Foss
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Edward J. Bennett DEPUTY

Town Telephones

Town Office	CR 9-6131
Police	Call Laconia 104 and give message
Chief of Police (Residence)	CR 9-4471
Fire—Rescue Squad)	
Emergency)	CR 9-6260
Chimney Fires)	
Fire Station	CR 9-6061
High School	CR 9-6073
Lang Street School	CR 9-6132
Superintendent of Schools	CR 9-6181
Water Department—Pumping Station	CR 9-4563
Sewer Department—Treatment Plant	CR 9-4555
Town Clerk	CR 9-4451

Permits and Licenses

Permits or Licenses are necessary for the following and are issued by:

Forest Fire Warden:

Permission must be obtained from the Forest Fire Warden before kindling any fire out of doors including incinerators and out-of-door fireplaces, except when the ground is covered with snow.

A seasonal permit may be issued at the discretion of the Warden.

Town Clerk:

- Beano Licenses
- Bowling Alley Licenses
- Dog Licenses
- Motor Vehicle Tax
- Burial Permits

Town Office:

- Sewer Entrance
- Pistol and Revolver Permits

Chief of Police:

- Itinerant Vendors

Fishing and Hunting Licenses are available from the following:

- Brown's Boat Basin
- Meredith Sports Center
- Lewis Veasey (Non-Resident only)
- John Weeks

TOWN OFFICERS

of the
Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

Selectmen

Marshall S. Hodsdon, Chairman
Norman R. Martin Henry T. Boothby

Town Manager

Ernest L. Libby

Moderator

Arthur F. Pottle

Town Clerk

Guy U. Horne

Treasurer

Richard B. Wein

Tax Collector

Ernest L. Libby

Representatives

Joseph F. Smith Ruth F. Miner

Justice of Municipal Court

Ripley Ropes

Associate Justice

True P. Godfrey

Chief of Police

Carroll W. Straw

Superintendent of Sewer Department

Gilbert W. MacIntyre

Trustees of Trust Funds

John N. Beede Clinton Roper Henry H. Stark

Supervisors of Check List

Marjorie Piper Paul Weeks Shepherd Brown

School Board

Jane Ambrose Carl Chase, Chairman Sydney Batchelder

Library Trustees

Ralph F. Flather, Chairman
Constance Ramsey, Treasurer
Linden Grad John Beede Mary Robertson
Elizabeth Lincoln

Auditors

State Tax Commission

Legal Counsel

John H. Ramsey

Director Civil Defense

Beulah Welch

Forest Fire Warden

V. Albert Sprague

Probation Officer

Thomas L. Kemp

Letter of Transmittal

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith:

In the pages which follow your town officials, both elected and appointed, have attempted to show you the operations of your local government for the year 1954. This report contains information required by law to be printed together with reports, pictures and sketches which we hope will make an interesting report.

This necessarily is a report of things done, in other words, accomplishments. However, all was not perfect last year. Some things which had been planned and which we wanted to do could not be done. There were services which probably could have been better. An honest and sincere attempt has been made on the part of your town government to give our citizens, both old and new, as economical and efficient an operation as is within our power to provide.

Highways:

The heavy rains of the summer of 1954 presented many problems as regards highway maintenance and construction.

As was mentioned in my report of last year, the lack of any good gravel within a reasonable distance of points where it is needed still is a grave problem.

According to my best available information we are plowing and sanding or salting 92.29 miles of town roads with our Winter Maintenance money. In addition to this mileage we sanded an additional 10 miles which have been in previous years only summer and seasonal roads. The completion of the new Route 104 has resulted in the return to the Town by the State the sections of the old Route 104 for maintenance by the Town.

Complaints received in the office concerning ice and snow removal invariably end with the statement, "If the State can do it, why can't the Town?" The State of New Hampshire has, according to a report released recently by the Department of Public Works and Highways, one snow plow for every 8½ miles of road and one sand spreader for every 10½ miles.

Taking the same basis used by the State for comparison, the Town has one snow plow for every 42 miles of highways and one sander for every 62½ miles of highway. The State does not have to contend with any but surfaced roads where

salt can be used wholly and where trucks do not have to contend with narrow and in many cases poorly drained roads.

Recommendations will appear in the Budget to attempt to improve this situation.

Our Town Road Aid money this last year was used principally in making a beginning to improve the Chemung Road. It was necessary to give the Barnard Ridge Road completed in 1953 another coat of asphalt.

Approximately 20,000 gallons of asphalt were used in surfacing and resurfacing our gravel roads.

The exceptionally heavy rains caused us to have to do a large amount of wash-out repair work.

We were extremely fortunate in not having any serious trouble caused by hurricanes Carol and Edna.

Our Town Construction projects budgeted for 1954 were seriously hampered by weather and funds appropriated have been carried forward to 1955 with the hope that better weather conditions will allow us to complete these in 1955.

Approximately 50 tons of calcium chloride were used to alleviate dust conditions on gravel roads.

Parks and Playgrounds:

At the present time we are maintaining and supporting or contributing to the support of eight parks or recreation areas: Clough Park, Prescott Park, Leavitt Park, Town Wharf at the foot of Lake Street on Route 3, Parking Area and Wharf at Lovejoy Sands, Bear Island Wharf, Waukewan Beach and a small beach at Pinnacle Park.

In addition to these areas we have the proposed gift by Dr. Schirmer of Pinnacle Peak Park, the disputed piece of land by Harry Wallace's Filling Station and the proposed area at the foot of Dover Street on Route 3. An article covering the "Dover Park" area will appear in the Warrant.

It is my personal opinion that as far as recreation areas are concerned our emphasis should be placed on Leavitt Park. There is nothing contained in the will of the late Dudley Leavitt bequeathing the property to the Town which would prohibit the Town from charging a fee for use of the Park in order to defray such costs of maintenance as might be incurred. Leavitt Park is an area which easily lends itself to development. It has an excellent beach; the water is shallow enough so that the dangers of drownings are very small, yet deep enough for swimming. It has sufficient wooded sections,

which if properly cleared and graded, would make excellent picnic areas. The possibilities of developing a section for the parking of trailers, if the Town so desired, are good.

The development of this area on a planned basis, I feel, would bring as much benefit to the merchants and citizens as any other one factor which we possess.

The determination of the use of this area or any of the other areas which we possess is something for which I feel no single individual should be responsible.

In recommending the expansion of Leavitt Park I must also be as vociferous in my condemnation of Waukegan Beach. I condemn the beach fully realizing its nearness to the village and its convenience to the children. However, its nearness to Route 104, which has a heavier automobile traffic pattern each year is my main argument. As Route 104 is being developed as part of an East-West traffic route by the Department of Public Works and Highways, traffic is going to become increasingly heavier. We have been fortunate that no fatality has occurred there as yet.

The smallness of the beach area is another factor in the recommendation of its discontinuance. Factor #3 is that at certain times of the year the immediate area by the beach becomes a source of water supply for the village and we have been fortunate that we have not been required by the Water Pollution Commission to close it to bathing long ago.

In order that our park situation does not become expanded to the point where we find ourselves with more areas on our hands than our ability to finance will permit, I have recommended the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Committee consisting of three genuinely interested citizens, this committee to be directed to make a complete and thorough investigation of such parks, playgrounds and recreation areas as we now have or may come into possession of, and then to make recommendations as to development, acquisition or discontinuance, costs and any other matters which they deem pertinent to the overall problem.

Sidewalks:

There has been no sidewalk construction carried on for a number of years and our sidewalks are in very poor shape. A short piece was constructed in front of the Congregational Church this fall to correct a situation which was extremely dangerous as well as to serve as a pilot project for contemplated construction.

I recommend that consideration be given to the raising of a sum of money each year and that certain definite sections be repaired or replaced each year.

Ordinances:

Over the past years a number of ordinances have been enacted. To attempt to find whether or not certain definite situations are covered by a local ordinance usually is quite a task.

The Police Department and the Manager's Office have been severely criticized on numerous occasion for failure to enforce certain of these ordinances.

A revision of all existing ordinances is badly needed and some new ones enacted to cover situations which have arisen as a result of the progress of mankind.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen the Manager was instructed to have situations in present ordinances corrected in order that these might become workable and enforceable.

Parking Lot and Old Fire Station:

The Fire Commissioners have expressed a desire to dispose of the lot behind the Town hall now used as a parking lot, as well as the old Fire Station and lot on Water Street. At a recent meeting of the Selectmen, Fire Commissioners and Water Commissioners it was agreed that Articles be inserted in both the Warrant for the Town Meeting and the Warrant for the Precinct Meeting providing for such transfer and acceptance. It is felt that the old Fire Station should be sold for removal and both lots used for off-street parking. An appropriate Article will appear in the Warrant for this matter.

Sewer:

The completion of the contract for sewer house connections was accomplished late in the summer with the exception of a very few where ground water conditions have made it impossible for work to be carried out. The costly ledge and rock removal of Contract 3 and the house connection contract made these contracts overrun the original estimates. It was necessary to borrow an additional \$15,000 to complete payment of these contracts.

The repayment by property owners of the house connection costs and interest paid on the charges by those persons who have elected to spread their payments over the 10-year period will provide for repayment of this loan.

After a study of the costs of operation for the first year, it was found that sewer rental charges would have to be set at the same rate as water rental to meet the cost of operation.

In these troublesome times, in a world so upset by the menace of Communism it is the duty of every American citizen to do all in his power to maintain and preserve our American democracy.

It is the privilege of every voter of the Town of Meredith to participate in the meetings which determine the services to be furnished by the Town and the cost of those services. This is a privilege not existing in the Iron Curtain countries.

Only so long as citizens are active in a democracy will Lincoln's words, "that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth," be an actuality.

When citizens reach a stage of apathy in local government affairs, the foundation of democracy will begin to crumble and its destruction will be sudden.

It is the duty of every American citizen to be a part of his government.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST L. LIBBY

Town Manager

State of New Hampshire
Meredith Town Warrant

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Meredith qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 1955, at nine of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 To bring in your ballots for Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Treasurer for one year, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and two Library Trustees for three years.
- 2 To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
- 3 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current year and issue notes therefor and said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year.
- 4 To hear the report of the budget and act thereon.
- 5 To see what action the Town will take relative to the leasing of the Town Hall.
- 6 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for repairs of Highways and Bridges—Summer Maintenance.
- 7 To raise such sums of money as will be necessary for Snow Removal and Sanding—Winter Maintenance.
- 8 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Highway Expenses.
- 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purchase of new equipment; one-half of said \$12,000.00 to be paid from taxes assessed in 1955 and to authorize the Selectmen to issue a note or notes to be repaid from taxes assessed in 1956.
- 10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$899.43 for Town Road Aid for construction, maintenance and reconstruction of rural post roads and Class V highways provided the State will set aside \$5,996.23 for this purpose.

- 11 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Police Protection.
- 12 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward the support of the Fire Department.
- 13 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of libraries.
- 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Meredith Village Cemetery Association for care and betterment of the cemeteries. (By request Meredith Village Cemetery Association.)
- 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Oakland Cemetery for care and betterment of the cemetery. (By request Oakland Cemetery Association.)
- 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$531.00, which is 1/100 of one per cent of the assessed valuation of the Town, to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the Town. (By request Lakes Region Association.)
- 17 To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the benefit of the Laconia Hospital. (By request Laconia Hospital Association.)
- 18 To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the payment of Old Age Assistance and for the benefit of indigent persons chargeable to the Town of Meredith.
- 19 To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate toward defraying the expenses of Band Concerts for the season of 1955. (By request.)
- 20 To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting in 1954 regarding Pinnacle Peak Park and take any action necessary.
- 21 To see if the Town will vote to revert to Class VI highways, subject to gates and bars, the Old Center Harbor Road beginning at a point one hundred (100) feet east of the Lawrence driveway and continuing to the Follette Road so-called.

- 22 To see if the Town will vote to revert to Class VI highways, subject to gates and bars, the Chase Road, so-called, from the Lang Russell Lane to the New Hampton-Meredith town line provided that the Town of New Hampton votes to revert that section of the same road lying in New Hampton to Class VI highways.
- 23 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to discontinue those portions of Route #104 between Station 204 †00 and Station 212 †00 and between 214 †00 and 223 †50 as designated on State of New Hampshire Plan of Federal Aid Secondary Project No. S 20 (2) New Hampton Road, Sheet 1 of 127.
- 24 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to discontinue that portion of the Old Meredith Center Road, so-called, which crosses Collins Brook, near the Collins Road to Lake Winnisquam, designated as Inventory No. 75 on Straight Line Diagram Progress Profile issued by the State of New Hampshire Highway Department, said piece of road being 0.11 miles in length, more or less.
- 25 To see if the Town will vote to accept the plot of land now owned by the Meredith Village Fire District on High Street and the plot of land and buildings thereon situated on Water Street also owned by the Meredith Village Fire District, said plots of land to be used for parking purposes, said acceptance to become effective if and when these lots and buildings are offered to the Town by the Meredith Village Fire District.
- 26 To see if the Town will vote to accept the parcel of land at the foot of Dover Street which was set aside by the State of New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways and the Meredith Linen Mill as a park area when and if said plot is offered to the Town of Meredith by the Department of Public Works and Highways of the State of New Hampshire, said acceptance to be subject to the conditions of the deed given to the State of New Hampshire by Meredith Linen Mill.
- 27 To authorize the issuance of serial notes of the Town in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), the proceeds to be used to fund the cost incurred by the Town in connecting individual properties with the sewer system; the said notes to be retired in five (5) years and to be payable first out of sewer entrance assessments paid in to the Town by such individual property owners.

- 28 To appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000.00) for the construction of extensions of the sewer system as planned in the Metcalf & Eddy engineering report, and to raise said sum by borrowing on the credit of the Town, by the issuance of serial bonds in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act as amended, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars.
- 29 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

MARSHALL S. HODSDON

NORMAN R. MARTIN

HENRY T. BOOTHBY

Selectmen of Meredith, N. H.

Budget for 1955

of the

Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Compared with

Estimated & Actual Revenues, Appropriations, Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

1955 Estimated Revenue

<i>SOURCES OF REVENUE</i>	<i>1954 Est.</i>	<i>1954 Actual</i>	<i>1955 Est.</i>
Interest & Dividends	\$11,000.00	\$10,869.46	\$10,500.00
Railroad Tax	120.00	120.00	120.00
Savings Bank Tax	500.00	874.56	700.00
Reimbursement—Timber	562.92	2,851.83	410.36
Fighting Forest Fires		48.75	
Dog Licenses	500.00	559.00	500.00
Business Permits, etc.	210.00	256.00	210.00
Fines & Forfeits	125.00	267.39	200.00
Rent Town Property	1,900.00	1,980.00	1,900.00
Interest—Taxes, etc.	375.00	491.82	400.00
Highways		3,894.52	
Sewers	6,000.00		4,300.00
Reimb. Town Manager's Salary	750.00	750.00	750.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	10,000.00	11,467.85	10,000.00
	32,006.92	34,431.18	29,890.36
Poll Taxes	2,000.00	1,868.00	1,880.00
Bank Stock	15.00	36.00	20.00
Total	\$34,021.92	\$36,335.18	\$31,890.36

Budget for 1955

Estimated Expenditures

1954 Budget 1954 Exp. 1955 Budget

General Government—

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,500.00	3,147.48	3,150.00
Election & Registration Exp.	700.00	542.75	200.00
Municipal Court Expenses	700.00	670.00	700.00
Expenses Town Hall, Other Bldgs.	1,500.00	2,757.41	2,300.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	700.00	700.00	700.00
Clerical	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Town Clerk's Fees	700.00	791.70	750.00
Audit	300.00	365.18	300.00

Protection of Persons & Property—

Police Department	3,700.00	4,394.03	3,900.00
Fire Dept. & Forest Fires	3,850.00	3,565.13	3,850.00
Blister Rust—Care of Trees			750.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,912.35	2,700.00
Civil Defense	100.00		1,820.00

Health—

Health Department	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,700.00
Red Cross	300.00	300.00	300.00
Vital Statistics	75.00	73.50	75.00
Sewer Maintenance	9,000.00	4,901.85	6,476.00
Town Dump	2,000.00	2,040.84	2,000.00

Highways and Bridges—

Town Maintenance—Summer	11,500.00	17,990.07	15,575.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	11,500.00	11,395.14	12,225.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway Dept.	7,000.00	9,508.29	9,212.50
Street Cleaning	600.00	712.41	700.00
Town Road Aid	909.57	909.57	899.43
Street Lighting	350.00	334.10	350.00
Town Construction	10,500.00	2,732.82	4,100.00
Sidewalk Construction			1,000.00

Libraries—

	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,475.00
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Public Welfare—

Town Poor	3,000.00	4,186.66	3,200.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	9,375.30	9,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	300.00	680.90	600.00

Patriotic Purposes—

Memorial Day	350.00	350.00	350.00
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Recreation—

Parks and Playgrounds	3,000.00	2,387.13	2,400.00
Band	700.00	700.00	700.00

Unclassified—

Damages & Legal Expenses	1,300.00	808.14	500.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	516.00	516.00	531.00
Chamber of Commerce	500.00	500.00	
Employees' Retirement	2,000.00	1,278.00	1,300.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	966.10	6,000.00
Permanent Assessment Records	1,000.00	464.00	
Laconia Hospital	1,250.00	1,250.00	

Payment on Principal of Debt—

Bonds	29,500.00	29,500.00	29,000.00
Yarnery Notes	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

Interest—

Temporary Loans	1,000.00	884.00	1,000.00
Notes & Bonds	10,292.50	10,247.50	9,937.50

Sub-Total	\$154,693.07	\$152,138.95	\$158,726.43
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Payments to Other Govt. Divisions—

County Taxes	14,209.63	14,209.63	
School Taxes	115,876.24	107,316.39	

Total Expenditures	\$284,778.94	\$273,664.97	
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Public Property

Town Hall and Land	\$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Yarnery Building and Land	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library Building and Land	50,000.00
Furniture, Equipment and Books	10,000.00
Fire Station and Equipment	60,000.00

Highway Department:

Highway Garage	9,000.00
4-Wheel Drive Walter Snow Fighter Plow	6,000.00
Adams Grader	3,500.00
International Power Grader	1,000.00
International Sidewalk Plow	1,000.00
Cold Patch Mixer	150.00
Snow Fence	150.00
3 Road Sanders	350.00
2 Ford Trucks	2,500.00
Nelson Snow Loader	3,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	30,000.00
175 Acres Forest Land	2,000.00

Sewer Department:

Pumping Station	41,200.00
Treatment Plant	30,000.00
Equipment	14,800.00
Miscellaneous—Tools	1,000.00

\$328,650.00

Land Acquired by Tax Titles:

L. M. Pike, Woodlot, Merrill Place	\$ 500.00
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500.00

Meredith Village Fire District:

Land for New Station	3,200.00
Fire Department Land	700.00
Equipment	25,000.00
Water Systems	65,000.00

\$ 93,900.00

School District:

Buildings and Land	190,500.00
Equipment	15,500.00

\$206,000.00

\$629,050.00

Summary Inventory of Valuation

Description of Property	Gross Valuation
Land & Buildings—Resident	2,569,250.00
Land & Buildings—Non-Resident	2,065,775.00
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	\$4,635,025.00
Mature Wood and Timber	2,500.00
Electric Plants	133,242.00
Horses	3,250.00
Cows	12,870.00
Other Neat Stock	1,340.00
Sheep and Goats	1,550.00
Fowl	5,425.00
Boats and Launches	63,890.00
Wood and Lumber	42,700.00
Portable Mills	17,425.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	9,300.00
Stock in Trade	326,300.00
Mills and Machinery	213,833.00
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Total Gross Valuation	\$5,468,650.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	162,385.00
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Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed	\$5,306,265.00

Statements of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,500.00
Retirement	2,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	700.00
Municipal Court Expenses	700.00
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance	1,500.00
Police Department	3,700.00
Fire Department & Forest Fires	3,850.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Health Dept., Red Cross & Hospital	4,050.00
Dump Maintenance	2,000.00
Vital Statistics	75.00
Town Road Aid	909.57
Town Maintenance	23,000.00
New Construction	10,500.00
General Expense of Highway Dept.	7,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Street Cleaning	600.00
Town Clerk's Fees	700.00
Clerical	2,500.00
Town Manager's Salary	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	700.00
Street Lighting	350.00
Sewer Maintenance	9,000.00
New Buildings	2,500.00
New Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Town Poor & Soldiers' Aid	3,300.00
Memorial Day Observance	350.00
Band Concerts	3,700.00
Parks & Playgrounds, including	
Audit	300.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00
Assessment Records	1,000.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	1,300.00
Advertising & Regional Assns.	1,016.00
Payments on Debt	29,500.00
Interest	11,292.50
County Tax	14,209.63
School Tax	115,876.24
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Total Town & School Appropriations	\$284,778.94

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	10,869.46
Railroad Tax	120.00
Savings Bank Tax	874.56
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	609.60
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000.00
Dog Licenses	500.00
Business Licenses & Permits	210.00
Fines & Forfeits—Municipal Court	125.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	1,900.00
Interest on Taxes	375.00
Reimb. of Town Manager's Salary	750.00
Sewer Maintenance	6,000.00

Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$ 32,333.62</u>
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\$252,445.32

Plus Overlay	1,485.27
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$253,930.59
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Less: Poll Taxes	1,868.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00

1,883.00

Net Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	\$252,047.59
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Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$252,047.59
Precinct Taxes	9,966.96
Poll Taxes	1,868.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00

Total Taxes to be Committed	<u>\$263,897.55</u>
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— T A X R A T E —

Town	\$47.50 per M.
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Precinct	\$52.50 per M.
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Detailed Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Town Officers' Salaries:

	Receipts	
Appropriation		\$ 1,700.00
	Expenditures	
Marshall S. Hodsdon	500.00	
Norman R. Martin	400.00	
Henry T. Boothby	400.00	
Richard B. Wein	200.00	
Guy U. Horne	200.00	
	<hr/>	1,700.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	3,500.00	
Service Reimbursements	92.32	
Sign Damage Reimbursement	123.75	
	<hr/>	3,716.07
	Expenditures	
Postage and P. O. Box Rental	210.65	
Membership and Dues	27.00	
Telephone	348.28	
Office Supplies		
Town Manager's Office	252.66	
Town Clerk's Office	61.67	
Assessors	654.55	
1953 Town Reports	789.08	
Belknap County Registry of Deeds	126.30	
Safe Deposit Box Rental	12.00	
Printing and Stationery	208.64	
Subscriptions	22.00	
Extra Clerical Hire	121.00	
Town Manager's Out of Town Expenses	142.60	
Miscellaneous	170.95	
Balance to 1955	123.75	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	444.94	
	<hr/>	3,716.07

Town Clerk's Fees:

Receipts

Appropriation	700.00	
Overdraft	91.70	
	<hr/>	791.70

Expenditures

Guy U. Horne	791.70	
	<hr/>	791.70

Town Manager's Salary

Receipts

Appropriation		4,800.00
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Expenditures

Ernest L. Libby		4,800.00
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Town Manager's Expenses:

Receipts

Appropriation		700.00
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Expenditures

Ernest L. Libby		700.00
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Clerical:

Receipts

Appropriation		2,500.00
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Expenditures

Emma B. Pike		2,500.00
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Assessment Records:

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	712.66	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
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Expenditures

Clerical Hire	464.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	1,248.66	
	<hr/>	1,712.66

Tax Commission Audit:

Receipts		
Appropriation	300.00	
Overdraft	65.18	
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Expenditures		
State Tax Commission		365.18

Retirement:

Receipts		
Appropriation	2,000.00	
Guy U. Horne	90.09	
	<hr/>	2,090.09
Expenditures		
State of N. H. Retirement Board	1,278.60	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	811.49	
	<hr/>	2,090.09

Election and Registration:

Receipts		
Appropriation		700.00
Expenditures		
Supervisors' Salaries	291.17	
Election Officials	164.00	
Printing	48.88	
Meals	38.70	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	157.25	
	<hr/>	700.00

Municipal Court:

Receipts		
Appropriation	700.00	
Ripley Ropes, Justice Fees	267.39	
	<hr/>	967.39

Expenditures

Ripley W. Ropes, Justice	400.00	
True Godfrey, Assoc. Justice	70.00	
Thomas Kemp, Probation Officer	200.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	297.39	
	<hr/>	967.39

Town Property :

Receipts

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Rentals	1,980.50	
	<hr/>	3,480.50

Expenditures

Town Hall:		
Janitor Service	159.60	
Electricity	60.55	
Repairs	279.93	
Fuel	66.87	
Miscellaneous	98.16	
Emergency Lights	82.20	
New Doors	260.00	
Yarnery:		
Janitor Service	45.60	
Electricity	102.73	
Repairs	228.35	
Fuel	639.37	
Miscellaneous	71.05	
New Store Front	335.00	
Oil Burner	150.00	
Flood Damage and Repairs	178.00	
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	2,757.41	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	723.09	
	<hr/>	3,480.50

Police Department :

Receipts

Appropriation	3,700.00	
Reimbursements	2.80	
Overdraft	691.23	
	<hr/>	4,394.03

Expenditures

Salary - Chief of Police	2,480.00	
Expenses - Chief of Police	520.00	
Special Officers	502.00	
Telephone	140.38	
Police Light	6.00	
Uniform Expense	21.30	
Medical Exams.	5.00	
Town of Sanbornton - Special Police	100.00	
Revolver Repairs	12.00	
Safety Equipment	46.70	
Radio	560.65	
		4,394.03

Fire Department and Forest Fires:

Receipts

Appropriation:		
Fire Precinct	3,450.00	
Forest Fires	400.00	
Reimbursements	48.75	
		3,898.75

Expenditures

Meredith Village Fire Precinct	3,450.00	
Payrolls - Forest Fires	94.70	
Tools and Equipment	60.75	
Freight and Express	4.43	
Boat Transportation	4.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	284.87	
		3,898.75

Civilian Defense:

Receipts

Appropriation	100.00
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Expenditures

Balance Dec. 31, 1954	100.00
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Bounties:

Receipts

Due from State of N. H.	145.00
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Expenditures

Paid Bounties	145.00
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Damages and Legal Expense:

Receipts

Appropriation	1,300.00	
Weeks and Shute	135.00	
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		1,435.00

Expenditures

M. V. Hale, V. M. D.	5.00	
Dover Street		
T. J. Collard	83.25	
Esso Standard Oil Company	99.00	
Keasbey & Mattison Company	475.20	
Carl Chase	77.25	
Andrew J. Marks	10.00	
Hayden Weeks - Refund	51.14	
Quirk's Electric Shop	7.30	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	628.86	
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		1,435.00

Health Department:

Receipts

Appropriations:

Meredith Public Health		
Nursing Assn.	2,500.00	
Red Cross - Life Guard	300.00	
Laconia Hospital	1,250.00	
Laconia Hospital, Balance Due 1953	1,250.00	
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		5,300.00

Expenditures

Meredith Public Health Nursing Assn.	2,500.00	
Red Cross	300.00	
Laconia Hospital	2,500.00	
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		5,300.00

Dump:

Receipts

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Overdraft	40.84	
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		2,040.84

Expenditures		
Labor - Attendants	1,615.10	
Bulldozing	369.00	
Signs	46.69	
Stove	6.75	
Miscellaneous	3.30	
	<hr/>	2,040.84

Vital Statistics:

Receipts		
Appropriation		75.00
Expenditures		
Guy U. Horne, Town Clerk	73.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	1.50	
	<hr/>	75.00

Town Road Aid:

Receipts		
Appropriation		909.57
Expenditures		
State of New Hampshire		909.57

Summer Maintenance:

Receipts		
Appropriation	11,500.00	
Reimbursements	3,886.52	
Overdraft	2,603.55	
	<hr/>	17,990.07
Expenditures		
Labor	11,973.35	
Gravel	808.90	
Culverts	454.92	
Cold Patch Material	1,369.49	
Asphalt	1,903.28	
Truck Rental	305.10	
Shovel Rental	43.25	
Loader Rental	299.00	
Road Machining	250.00	
Calcium Chloride	455.03	
Tractor Rental - Bush Mowing	127.75	
	<hr/>	17,990.07

Winter Maintenance:

Receipts

Appropriation	11,500.00
Reimbursements	8.00

11,508.00

Expenditures

Labor	8,468.85
Sand	141.60
Salt	1,179.00
Truck Rental - Sanding	589.30
Truck Rental - Street Cleaning	568.75
Loader Hire	338.00
Town of Sanbornton - Plowing	60.00
Irving W. Brown - Reimbursement	25.00
Miscellaneous	24.64
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	112.86

11,508.00

Town Construction:

Receipts

Appropriations	10,500.00
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Expenditures

Spindle Point:

Labor	207.80
Truck Rental	73.40
Sand	23.40
Asphalt	475.36

779.96

Old Hubbard Road:

Labor	250.30
Truck Rental	124.40
Sand and Gravel	42.01
Asphalt	403.75

820.46

Circle Drive:

Labor	357.70
Drain Pipe	430.97
Catch Basin Materials	71.48
Loader Rental	165.00
Shovel Rental	88.00

1,113.15

Cattle Landing Road Extension:

T. J. Collard	19.25	
	<u>2,732.82</u>	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	7,767.18	
	<u></u>	10,500.00
Carried Forward to 1955:		
Old Hubbard Road	1,179.54	
Spindle Point	220.04	
Eaton Parkway	1,500.00	
Veasey Shore Road	1,000.00	
Neal Shore Road	1,000.00	
Cattle Landing Extension	1,980.75	
Circle Drive	886.85	
	<u>(7,767.18)</u>	

Street Cleaning:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	600.00	
Overdraft	112.41	
	<u></u>	712.41
	Expenditures	
Labor	701.55	
Brooms	10.86	
	<u></u>	712.41

General Expenses - Highway Department:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	7,000.00	
Gas Tax Refund	150.60	
Junk Sold	1.34	
Overdraft	2,356.40	
	<u></u>	9,508.34
	Expenditures	
Gasoline and Diesel Oil	2,582.47	
Grease and Oil	126.24	
Fuel Oil	456.27	
Hydraulic Oil	126.24	
Parts & Repairs - Equipment	3,499.76	
Tools	21.31	

Tires	1,265.70	
Express and Freight	37.26	
Water Rental	12.50	
Electricity	70.92	
Signs and Posts	57.48	
Batteries	19.97	
Plow and Grader Blades	373.98	
Lumber and Sawing	35.19	
Building Repair Materials	268.36	
Foreman - Truck Expense	300.00	
Ladder	34.02	
Building Maintenance - Labor	64.17	
Miscellaneous - Chains, Anti-Freeze, etc.	156.50	
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		9,508.34

Library :

	Receipts	
Appropriation		2,500.00
	Expenditures	
Treasurer - Meredith Public Library		2,500.00

Cemeteries :

	Receipts	
Appropriation		1,500.00
	Expenditures	
Oakland Cemetery Assn.	500.00	
Meredith Village Cemetery Assn.	1,000.00	
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		1,500.00

Street Lighting :

	Receipts	
Appropriation		350.00
	Expenditures	
N. H. Electric Co-op.	31.00	
White Mountain Power Co.:		
Meredith Center	144.00	
Philbrook Avenue	66.00	
Town Wharf	55.53	
Parking Lot	22.00	
Bulbs	15.57	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	15.90	
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		350.00

Insurance :**Receipts**

Appropriation	2,500.00
Meredith Water Department	109.69
Meredith Fire Precinct	373.02
Guy U. Horne Agency	64.97
Fireman's Fund Group	45.00

3,092.68**Expenditures**

Guy U. Horne Agency	1,913.69
Bertram Blaisdell Agency	998.66
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	180.33

3,092.68**Parks and Playgrounds :****Receipts**

Appropriation	3,000.00
Oakland Cemetery Association	104.31

3,104.31**Expenditures**

Clough Park:	
Caretaker	699.60
Water Service Repairs	25.65
Lawn Mower Repairs	2.00

727.25

Prescott Park:	
Mowing	17.25
Loam	12.00
Bulldozing	52.00
Grand Stand Repairs	36.00
Labor	15.00

132.25

Leavitt Park:	
Labor	109.20
Fencing	33.75
Life Guard	170.00
Life Rings and Buoys	19.35
Signs	54.69
Paint	6.25
Miscellaneous Materials	9.54

372.09

Waukewan Beach:		
Raft	56.78	
Moving Raft	8.00	
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	64.78	
Parking Lot - Route #3:		
Bulldozing	76.00	
Town Wharf:		
Plank	116.01	
Steel Cable and Rings	16.75	
Labor	20.00	
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	152.76	
Lovejoy Sands Wharf:		
Labor	97.10	
Lawn Mower	104.31	
Miscellaneous Signs	30.69	
Band Stand:		
Repair Materials	34.21	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	1,312.87	
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		3,104.31

Band Concerts:

	Receipts	
Appropriation		700.00
	Expenditures	
Treasurer, Meredith Band		700.00

Welfare:

Town Poor—

	Receipts	
Appropriation	3,000.00	
Reimbursements	512.25	
Due Town of Meredith	477.00	
Overdraft	197.41	
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		4,186.66

	Expenditures	
Case No. 1	683.24	
Case No. 2	3.00	
Case No. 3	116.30	
Case No. 4	1,526.76	
Case No. 5	443.96	
Case No. 6	9.98	

Case No. 7	232.78	
Case No. 8	141.16	
Case No. 9	10.50	
Case No. 10	73.00	
Case No. 11	20.00	
Case No. 12	427.00	
Case No. 13	170.00	
Case No. 14	3.00	
Case No. 15	29.45	
Case No. 16	21.19	
Case No. 17	35.00	
Case No. 18	10.00	
Case No. 19	30.00	
Case No. 20	10.00	
Surplus Foods	176.34	
Freight, Surplus Foods	14.00	
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		4,186.66

Soldiers Aid:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	300.00	
Overdraft	380.90	
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		680.90
	Expenditures	
Vet. No. 1	300.64	
Vet. No. 2	24.97	
Vet. No. 3	355.29	
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		680.90

Old Age Assistance:

	Receipts	
Appropriation	9,000.00	
Reimbursements	398.92	
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		9,398.92
	Expenditures	
State of New Hampshire	9,375.30	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	23.62	
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		9,398.92

Memorial Day Observance:

	Receipts	
Appropriation		350.00

Expenditures

Griggs-Wyatt Post, American Legion	350.00
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Advertising and Regional Associations:

Receipts

Appropriation	1,016.00
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Expenditures

Lakes Region Association	516.00
Meredith Chamber of Commerce	500.00

1,016.00

Sewer Maintenance:

Receipts

Appropriation	3,000.00
Due From Rentals	1,901.85

4,901.85

Expenditures

Plant Operation:

Clerical and Plant Operator	3,003.58
Telephone	76.80
Equipment Maintenance	111.75
Electricity	1,516.37
Fuel Oil	44.59
Chlorine	148.76

4,901.85

Belknap County Tax:

Receipts

Appropriation	14,209.63
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Expenditures

Treasurer, Belknap County	14,209.63
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School District Tax:

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	54,462.39
Appropriation	115,876.24
Transfer from Surplus	784.00

171,122.63

Expenditures	
Treasurer, Meredith School District	107,316.39
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	63,806.24
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	171,122.63

Precinct Tax:

Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	8.73
Appropriations	13,225.00
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	13,233.73

Expenditures	
1953 Balance to Surplus	8.73
Treasurer, Meredith Village	
Fire Precinct	11,605.00
Treasurer, Meredith Water Dept.	1,620.00
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	13,233.73

Fire Station Construction:

Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	553.77
Expenditures	
Town of Meredith - Asphalt	25.00
R. D. Holland - Labor on Siren	
Traffic Warning Signal	3.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	525.77
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	553.77

Tax Map:

Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	100.00
Expenditures	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	100.00

Town Dump - Land:

Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	1,000.00
Expenditures	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	1,000.00

Overlay :

Receipts		
Appropriation		1,876.93
Expenditures		
Abatements Granted	1,483.79	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	393.14	
	<hr/>	1,876.93

Yarnery Purchase:

Receipts		
Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures		
Meredith Village Savings Bank - Note		2,500.00

New Equipment:

Receipts		
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	58.09	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
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Expenditures		
New Safe	643.50	
Safe Installation	62.00	
Freight	38.10	
Highway Sander	222.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	91.99	
	<hr/>	1,058.09

Tax Anticipation Loans:

Receipts		
Rockland Atlas National Bank	90,000.00	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	110,000.00
Expenditures		
Rockland Atlas National Bank	90,000.00	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	110,000.00

Notes and Bonds:

	Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	10,000.00	
Appropriation	29,500.00	
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	Expenditures	
Paid Notes and Bonds	38,300.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	1,200.00	
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Interest:

	Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	375.01	
Appropriation	11,292.50	
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	Expenditures	
Tax Anticipation Loans	884.00	
Notes and Bonds	10,247.50	
Balance Dec. 31, 1954	536.01	
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Sewer Entrance Fees:

	Receipts	
Balance Jan. 1, 1954		258.00
	Expenditures	
Transferred to Sewer Construction Account		258.00

Sewer Construction Account**January 1, 1954—December 31, 1954**

	Receipts	
Balance January 1, 1954	22,889.90	
From Escrow Account	5,589.80	
Meredith Water Department	1.90	
Reimbursements—House Connections	3,894.83	
Shute-Weeks	85.00	
Town of Meredith—		
Debt Payment Account	8,800.00	
Reimbursement	1,623.88	

Keasbey & Mattison Co.—		
Refund on Deposit	275.00	
Sewer Entrance Fund Account	262.00	
Check Cancelled	.75	
Sewer Entrance Fees	22.00	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	15,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$58,535.06

Expenditures

Metcalf & Eddy	5,400.51	
Samuel Aceto Co., Inc.—Escrow	3,042.30	
C. Jiustino, Inc.	2,084.98	
Town of Meredith—		
From Jiustino Escrow	114.00	
William Keller—		
From Jiustino Escrow	244.92	
A. J. Paquette—		
From Jiustino Escrow	103.60	
Equipment & Materials	86.10	
Landers & Griffin, Inc.—Cont. #3	15,936.98	
Telephone	60.62	
Freight	3.24	
Direct Labor	303.23	
Machinery & Equipment Hire	226.75	
Repair—Pumping Station	85.00	
Street Repairs	2,009.60	
Tools & Supplies	101.20	
Legal Fees	10.00	
Extension of Main, Pleasant Street	422.87	
Clerical & Plant Operation	1,728.08	
Office Supplies	128.00	
Electricity	1,053.33	
Assessment Plans	3,203.00	
D. E. Ambrose & Sons—Cont. 1953-1	20,252.11	
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Total Disbursements		56,505.42
Balance December 31, 1954		2,029.64
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		\$58,535.06

Statement of Balances Carried Forward to 1955

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Assessment Records		\$ 1,248.66
Payment on Debt		1,200.00
Interest		536.01
School District		63,806.24
Fire Station Construction Account		525.77
Tax Map		100.00
Town Dump—Land		1,000.00
Bounties	\$145.00	
New Construction		7,767.18
Town Officers' Expenses		123.75
New Equipment		91.99
Parks and Playgrounds		1,312.87
Damages and Legal		626.86
Civil Defense		100.00
Sewer Construction		2,029.64
Totals	\$145.00	\$80,468.97

When I Paid My Taxes

I've paid my taxes, I'm proud to say
I bought some civilization today.
I helped build a bridge and a highway, too.
I bought my three children a park and a zoo.

When I paid my taxes.

I helped build a library and paid for more books.
I paid for having the streets cleaned, improving their looks.
I helped put drinking fountains in my own home town.
I paid for new street lights in the same old town.

When I paid my taxes.

I helped hire a doctor and fireman's crew.
I paid for a nurse and some policemen, too.
I helped buy a young man a very fine job.
I helped buy a bathing beach for my Dorothy and Bob.

When I paid my taxes.

I helped build a school and hire teachers, too.
I helped buy a golf course for my son to play through.
I helped build a museum of music and art.
Now, friends, don't you think I really was smart

When I paid my taxes?

88.8¢



PROPERTY &
YIELD TAXES

3.7¢



INTEREST &
DIVIDENDS TAX

4.2¢



LICENSES &
PERMITS

2.0¢



SERVICES

1.3¢



ALL OTHER

\$1.00

WHERE YOUR TOWN
DOLLAR CAME FROM

EDUCATION



36.5¢

DEBT SERVICE



17.7¢

HIGHWAYS



14.9¢

PROTECTION



7.1¢

GENERAL
GOVERNMENT



5.3¢

COUNTY TAX



4.9¢

WELFARE



1.8¢

HEALTH &
SANITATION



4.6¢

MISCELLANEOUS
SERVICES



2.9¢

RECREATION



1.3¢

\$1.00

YOUR TOWN DOLLAR

SHOWING PORTION USED FOR
EACH DEPARTMENT

Report of Audit

Division of Municipal Accounting State Tax Commission
Concord, New Hampshire

February 24, 1955

Board of Selectmen, Meredith, N. H.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

Financial Statements

Comp. Balance Sheets—Dec. 31, '53-Dec. 31, '54: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1953 and December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the Net Debt decreased by \$8,618.26 in 1954.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Bonds Paid	\$28,500.00	
Long Term Notes Paid	3,500.00	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,494.43	
1952 Head Tax Penalties Collected	3.50	
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		\$33,497.93

Increases in Net Debt

Long Term Notes Issued	\$20,000.00	
Net Budget Deficit	4,453.22	
Increase in Reserve a/c Future		
Yield Tax Loss	398.11	
Overpayment to State of 1953		
Head Tax Account	27.50	
Decrease of Cash in Hands of Officials	84.	
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		\$24,879.67
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Net Decrease		\$ 8,618.26

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$3,345.57, plus a net revenue deficit of \$1,107.65, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$4,453.22.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1954, is indicated in Exhibit F.

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (Exhibit K)

A statement of long term indebtedness as of December 31, 1954, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit K.

Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

General Comments

Current Deficit:

It is noted that the current financial condition of the Town changed from a current surplus of \$4,015.16 to a current deficit of \$150.58, in 1954, as shown by the following statement:

	Dec. 31, 1953	Dec. 31, 1954
Total Assets	\$104,050.14	\$90,102.16
Current Liabilities	100,034.98	90,252.74
Current Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 4,015.16	(\$ 150.58)

Library:

Money received on account of book fines is used as a petty cash fund by the Librarian, out of which minor miscellaneous expenditures are made. It is recommended that a petty cash fund be established for this purpose and that reimbursement to the fund be made periodically upon request of the Librarian which should be accompanied by a statement showing the accounts paid from the fund. The proper classification of such accounts can then be made by the Library Treasurer.

If this procedure is followed, the total amount of book fines received should be remitted to the Library Treasurer.
Conclusion:

The accounts of the town officials which we examined were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Meredith for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
Joseph W. Boudreau, Accountant

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Concord, New Hampshire

Certificate of Audit

February 24, 1955

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Meredith for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town of Meredith on December 31, 1954, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor

Joseph W. Boudreau, Accountant

Exhibit A Town of Meredith

Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1953 and December 31, 1954

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 1953	Dec. 31, 1954
<i>Cash—Treasurer's Account—</i>		
General Fund Account	\$38,954.43	\$37,640.29
Sewer Const. Bond Acct.	22,889.90	2,029.64
Fire Station Const. Acct.	553.77	525.77
Sewer Entrance Fee Fund Account (Contra)	258.00	
Payroll Account	500.00	500.00
	\$ 63,156.10	\$ 40,695.70
<i>In Hands of Officials—</i>		
Tax Collector	\$ 20.00	
Town Clerk	.84	
	20.84	
<i>Due From State—</i>		
Bounties	\$ 61.25	\$ 145.00
Railroad Tax		120.00
Savings Bank Tax		874.56
	61.25	1,139.56
Accounts Receivable—Other	84.45	601.51
Unredeemed Taxes	1,864.84	3,138.23
Uncollected Taxes	37,152.66	42,557.16
Uncollected State Head Taxes	1,710.00	1,970.00
	\$104,050.14	\$ 90,102.16
Total Assets		
Net Debt	525,268.84	516,650.58
	\$629,318.98	\$606,752.74
Total Assets & Net Debt		

*LIABILITIES**Dec. 31, 1953**Dec. 31, 1954**Unexpended Balance of Appropriations—*

Sewer Construction	\$22,889.90	\$ 2,029.64
Fire Station Const.	553.77	525.77
Tax Map (1946)	100.00	100.00
Town Dump Land	1,000.00	1,000.00
Assessment Records	712.66	1,248.66
Indebtedness	10,000.00	1,200.00
Interest	375.01	536.01
New Office Equip.	58.09	91.99
School District Approp.	55,246.39	63,806.24
Town Officers' Expense		123.75
Civilian Defense		100.00
New Const.—Roads		7,767.18
Parks & Playgrounds		1,312.87
Damages & Legal Expenses		626.86
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	\$ 90,935.82	\$ 80,468.97
Reserve—Future Loss a/c Yield Taxes	7,810.66	8,208.77
Accounts Payable—Due Tax Collector—Over-remittance 1953 Head Taxes		15.00
Sewer Entrance Fee Fund Account (Contra)	258.00	
<i>Due State of N. H.—</i>		
A/c State Head Taxes—Uncollected	1,440.00	1,295.00
A/c State Head Taxes & Penalties Collected—Not Remitted to State	374.50	265.00
<i>Indebtedness—</i>		
Long Term Notes	6,000.00	22,500.00
Bonds	522,500.00	494,000.00
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Total Liabilites	\$629,318.98	\$606,752.74
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Total Liabilities	\$629,318.98	\$606,752.74

Exhibit B
Town of Meredith

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Net Debt—December 31, 1953	\$525,268.84	
Net Debt—December 31, 1954	516,650.58	
Decrease in Net Debt		\$8,618.26

Analysis of Change

Decreases In Debt—

Bonds Paid	\$28,500.00	
Long Term Notes Paid	3,500.00	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,494.43	
1952 Head Tax Penalties Collected	3.50	
		\$33,497.93

Increases in Debt—

Long Term Notes Issued	\$20,000.00	
Net Budget Deficit	4,453.22	
Increase in Reserve—a/c Future Loss on Account of Yield Taxes	398.11	
Overpayment of 1953 Head Tax Account to State	27.50	
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	.84	
		24.879.67
Net Decrease		\$8,618.26

Exhibit C
Town of Meredith
Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	<i>Forwarded</i>		<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Total Amt. Available</i>		<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Balances</i>		<i>Forwarded to '55</i>	
	<i>From 1953</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>& Reimbursements</i>	<i>\$</i>		<i>\$</i>		<i>Uncexp'd O'drafts</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Town Officers' Salaries		\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00	\$		\$		
Town Officers' Expenses			3,500.00	218.74	3,718.74		3,181.92		413.07			123.75
Clerical Expenses			2,500.00		2,500.00		2,500.00					
Audit Expenses			300.00		300.00		365.18		65.18			
Assessment Records	712.66		1,000.00		1,712.66		464.00					1,248.66
Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees			700.00		700.00		791.70		91.70			
Town Manager's Salary			4,800.00		4,800.00		4,800.00					
Town Manager's Expenses			700.00		700.00		700.00					
Social Security—Retirement			2,000.00	90.09	2,090.09		1,278.60		811.49			
Election & Registration Expenses			700.00		700.00		542.75		157.25			
Municipal Court Expenses			700.00		700.00		670.00		30.00			
Town Hall & Buildings—Maintenance			1,500.00	6.23	1,506.23		2,757.41		1,251.18			
Police Department			3,700.00	2.80	3,702.80		4,394.03		691.23			
Fire Department & Forest Fires			3,850.00	48.75	3,898.75		3,613.88		284.87			
Civilian Defense			100.00		100.00							100.00
Health Department & Hospitals			4,050.00		4,050.00		5,300.00		1,250.00			
Town Dump			2,000.00		2,000.00		2,040.84		40.84			

	<i>Forwarded From 1953</i>	<i>Receipts & Reim- bursements</i>	<i>Total Amt. Available</i>	<i>Expend- itures</i>	<i>Balances Unexp'd O'drafts</i>	<i>Forwarded to '55 Assets Liabilities</i>
Vital Statistics	75.00		75.00	73.50	1.50	
Sewer Maintenance	9,000.00		9,000.00	4,901.85	4,098.15	
Town Road Aid	909.57		909.57	909.57		
Town Maintenance	23,000.00	3,894.52	26,894.52	29,385.21	2,490.69	
Town Construction—Roads	10,500.00		10,500.00	2,732.82		
General Expenses—Highways	7,000.00	151.94	7,151.94	9,508.34	2,356.40	7,767.18
Street Cleaning	600.00		600.00	712.41	112.41	
Insurance	2,500.00	592.68	3,092.68	2,912.35	180.33	
Street Lighting	350.00		350.00	334.10	15.90	
Libraries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00	398.92	9,398.92	9,375.30	23.62	
Town Poor	3,000.00	500.75	3,500.75	4,186.66	685.91	
County Poor				17.19	17.19	
Soldiers' Aid	300.00		300.00	680.90	380.90	
Memorial Day	350.00		350.00	350.00		
Parks & Playgrounds, incl. Band Concerts	3,700.00	104.31	3,804.31	2,491.44		1,312.87
Cemeteries	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Damages & Legal, incl. Dog Damage	1,300.00	135.00	1,435.00	808.14		626.86
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,016.00		1,016.00	1,016.00		
Temporary Loans		110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00		
Payment on Debt	10,000.00		42,000.00	40,800.00		1,200.00
Interest	375.01		11,667.51	11,131.50		536.01
County Tax	14,209.63		14,209.63	14,209.63		
Bounties				145.00		145.00

School District—

1953-54 Appropriation	55,246.39			55,246.39	55,246.39		
1954-55 Appropriation		115,876.24		115,876.24	52,070.00		63,806.24
Sewer Const.—Special Account	22,889.90		*35,645.16	58,535.06	56,505.42		2,029.64
Fire Station Const.—Special Acct.	553.77			553.77	28.00		525.77
Precinct Tax—Approp. Account		9,775.00		9,775.00	9,775.00		
Tax Map	100.00			100.00			100.00
Town Dump—Land	1,000.00			1,000.00			1,000.00
New Buildings & Land—Yarnery			**5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		
New Equipment	58.09	1,000.00		1,058.09	966.10		91.99
Sewer Entrance Fees	258.00			258.00	258.00		
Overlay—Abatements & Refunds		1,677.23		1,677.23	1,602.54	74.69	
Other Refunds					20.00	20.00	
	\$91,193.82	\$296,231.17	\$156,789.89	\$544,214.88	\$467,253.67	\$6,090.87	\$80,468.97

* Includes Long Term Note Issue of \$15,000.00.

*** Long Term Note Issue.

Town of Meredith

Exhibit D

Statement of Est. & Actual Revenues & Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Excess</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$10,869.46	\$10,869.46	\$	\$
Railroad Tax	120.00			120.00
Savings Bank Tax	874.56			874.56
Reimb. a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	609.60	1,007.71	398.11	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000.00	11,467.85	1,467.85	
Dog Licenses	500.00	559.00	59.00	
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	210.00	256.00	46.00	
Fines & Forfeits—Mun. Court	125.00	267.39	142.39	
Rent—Town Property & Equip.	1,900.00	2,109.50	209.50	
Interest on Taxes	375.00	717.36	342.36	
Reimb.—Precinct's Share of Town Manager's Salary	750.00	750.00		
Sewers	6,000.00	1,655.98		4,344.02
1952 Head Tax a/c Reimb.		265.00	265.00	
Head Tax Commission Fees		584.00	584.00	
Added Taxes		1,017.01	1,017.01	
Deficiency of Taxes Committed Under Budget'y Requirements	363.69			363.69
Accounts Receivable		84.45	84.45	
Tax Collector's Deficiency of Credits	21.05			21.05
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	\$32,718.36	\$31,610.71	\$4,615.67	\$5,723.32

BUDGET SUMMARY

Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$ 9,436.44	
Unexpended Bal. of Appropriations	6,090.87	
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Net Overdraft of Appropriations		\$3,345.57
Estimated Revenues	\$32,718.36	
Actual Revenues	31,610.71	
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Net Revenue Deficit		1,107.65
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Net Budget Deficit		\$4,453.22

Exhibit E

Town of Meredith

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS—

From Local Taxes—

Levy of Current Year—

Property Taxes	\$221,801.58
Poll Taxes	1,530.00
Yield Taxes	597.35
State Head Taxes	4,730.00
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	\$228,658.93

Levies of Prior Years—

Property Taxes	\$ 32,333.16
Poll Taxes	300.00
Yield Taxes	2,011.15
State Head Taxes	885.00
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	35,529.31

Interest on Taxes	717.36
Penalties on State Head Taxes	89.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	2,337.67
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	\$267,332.27

From State—

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 10,869.46
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	398.92
Fighting Forest Fires	38.41
Bounties	61.25
Head Tax Reimbursement—1952 Account	265.00
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	11,633.04

From Local Sources, Except Taxes—

Dog Licenses	559.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	256.00
Fines & Forfeits—Municipal Court	267.39
Rent of Town Property	2,109.50
Income from Departments & Appropriation	
Credits	8,029.08
Motor Vehicle Permits	11,467.85
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	22,688.82

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue—

Temporary Loans	110,000.00
Long Term Notes—Yarnery Building	5,000.00
Sewer Construction Long Term Notes	15,000.00
Sewer Construction Account	20,645.16
Insurance Adjustments	168.75
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	\$150,813.91
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Total Receipts from all Sources	\$452,468.04
Balance—December 31, 1953	63,156.10
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Grand Total	\$515,624.14

EXPENDITURES—

General Government—

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,181.92
Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Fees	791.70
Town Manager's Salary	4,800.00
Town Manager's Expenses	700.00
Clerical Expenses	2,500.00
Tax Commission Audit	365.18
Election and Registration	542.75
Municipal Court Expenses	670.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,757.41
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	\$ 18,008.96

Protection of Persons & Property—

Police Department	\$ 4,394.03
Fire Department—Including Forest Fires	3,613.88
Bounties	145.00
Insurance	2,912.35
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	11,065.26

Health—

Health Department—Nurse	2,500.00
Laconia Hospital	2,500.00
American Red Cross	300.00
Vital Statistics	73.50
Sewer Maintenance	4,901.85
Town Dump	2,040.84
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	12,316.19

Highways and Bridges—

Town Road Aid	909.57	
Town Maintenance—Summer	17,990.07	
—Winter	11,395.14	
Street Lighting	334.10	
Street Cleaning	712.41	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	9,508.34	
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Libraries— 2,500.00

Public Welfare—

Old Age Assistance	9,375.30	
Town Poor	4,186.66	
County Poor	17.19	
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Patriotic Purposes—

Memorial Day	350.00	
Soldiers' Aid	680.90	
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Recreation—

Parks and Playgrounds	2,491.44
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Public Service Enterprises—

Cemeteries	1,500.00
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Unclassified—

Damages and Legal Expenses	808.14
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,016.00
Taxes Bought by Town	3,611.06
Social Security—Retirement	1,278.60
Permanent Records	464.00

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Permits	20.00
Property Taxes	42.75

Transfer—Sewer Entrance Fees to Sewer Construction Account	258.00
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Reimbursement to Sewer Const. Account	8,800.00
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16,298.55

Interest—

Paid on Temporary Loans	884.00
Paid on Long Term Notes	232.50
Paid on Bonded Debt	10,015.00
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	11,131.50

Outlay for New Construction & Equipment—

Town Construction—Roads	2,732.82
New Equipment—Other	743.60
—Highway	222.50
Lands & Buildings—Yarnery (Bal.)	5,000.00
Fire Station Construction Account	28.00
Sewer Construction	56,505.42
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	65,232.34

Indebtedness—

Paid on Temporary Loans	110,000.00
Paid on Bonded Debt	28,500.00
Paid on Long Term Notes	3,500.00
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	142,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions—

County Taxes	14,209.63
Precinct Taxes	9,775.00

School District—

1953-54 Appropriation	55,246.39
1954-55 Appropriation	52,070.00
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	107,316.39

To State—Head Tax Accounts—

A/c 1953 State Head Taxes & Penalties	1,582.50
A/c 1954 State Head Taxes	4,041.00
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	5,623.50
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	136,924.52
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Total Expenditures for all Purposes	\$474,928.44
Balance—December 31, 1954	40,695.70
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Grand Total	\$515,624.14

Exhibit F
Town of Meredith

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures and
Proof of Treasurer's Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Balance—December 31, 1953	\$ 63,156.10	
Receipts During Year	452,468.04	
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	\$515,624.14	
Expenditures During Year	474,928.44	
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Balance—December 31, 1954		\$40,695.70

PROOF OF BALANCE

General Fund Account—

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per Statement Dated January 5, 1955	\$ 43,054.65	
Less: Outstanding Checks	5,414.36	
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		\$37,640.29

Sewer Construction Bond Account—

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per Statement Dated December 31, 1954	16,948.67	
Less: Outstanding Checks	14,919.03	
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		2,029.64

Fire Station Construction Fund Account—

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per Statement Dated February 24, 1954		525.77
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Payroll Account—

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per Statement Dated January 4, 1955	819.29	
Less: Outstanding Checks	319.29	
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		500.00
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		\$40,695.70

Exhibit G
Town of Meredith

Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1954
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Property Taxes</i>	<i>Poll Taxes</i>	<i>Yield Taxes</i>
Taxes Committed to Collector	\$261,665.86	\$1,868.00	\$1,007.71
<i>Added Taxes—</i>			
Property & Poll Taxes	908.51	38.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	36.00		
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	\$262,610.37	\$1,906.00	\$1,007.71
 <i>CREDITS</i>			
Remittances to Treasurer	\$221,801.58	\$1,530.00	\$ 597.35
Abatements Allowed	753.35	24.00	
Uncollected Taxes—Dec. 31, 1954	40,050.44	352.00	410.36
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	\$262,605.37	\$1,906.00	\$1,007.71
 Add: Tax Collector's Deficiency of Credits	 5.00		
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	\$262,610.37	\$1,906.00	\$1,007.71

Exhibit G-1 Town of Meredith

Summary of Tax Warrants — Levies of Prior Years Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	LEVIES OF					Interest	Total
	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949		
DEBITS							
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1953							
Property Taxes	\$32,716.79	\$ 912.12	\$807.80	\$108.80	\$	\$	\$34,545.51
Poll Taxes	434.00	116.00	18.00	2.00	2.00		572.00
Yield Taxes	1,636.15	399.00					2,035.15
Added Taxes							
Property & National Bank Stock Tax	20.50						20.50
Poll Taxes	12.00	2.00				631.37	14.00
Interest							631.37
	\$34,819.44	\$1,429.12	\$825.80	\$110.80	\$2.00	\$631.37	\$37,818.53
CREDITS							
Remittances to Treasurer							
A/c Property Taxes	\$32,000.66	\$ 300.82	\$ 31.68	\$	\$	\$	\$32,333.16
A/c Poll Taxes	264.00	26.00	6.00	2.00	2.00		300.00
A/c Yield Taxes	1,612.15	399.00					2,011.15
A/c Interest						631.37	631.37
By Abatements							
Property Taxes	720.00	10.44					730.44
Poll Taxes	52.00						52.00
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1954							
Property Taxes	16.58	600.86	776.12	108.80			1,502.36
Poll Taxes	114.00	92.00	12.00				218.00
Yield Taxes	24.00						24.00
	\$34,803.39	\$1,429.12	\$825.80	\$110.80	\$2.00	\$631.37	\$37,802.48
	16.05						16.05
Add: Tax Collector's Deficiency of Credits	\$34,819.44	\$1,429.12	\$825.80	\$110.80	\$2.00	\$631.37	\$37,818.53

Exhibit G-2
Town of Meredith

Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

	LEVIES OF						
	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1945 Total
DEBITS							
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1953	\$	\$1,018.83	\$538.85	\$225.64	\$56.59	\$15.85	\$9.08 \$1,864.84
Tax Sale—July 2, 1954	3,611.06						3,611.06
Interest After Sale	15.41	16.93	20.38	29.07	4.20		85.99
	\$3,626.47	\$1,035.76	\$559.23	\$254.71	\$60.79	\$15.85	\$9.08 \$5,561.89

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer—							
A/c Redemptions	\$1,396.41	\$ 529.57	\$195.57	\$174.29	\$41.83	\$	\$ 2,337.67
A/c Interest	15.41	16.93	20.38	29.07	4.20		85.99
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1954	2,214.65	489.26	343.28	51.35	14.76	15.85	9.08 3,138.23
	\$3,626.47	\$1,035.76	\$559.23	\$254.71	\$60.79	\$15.85	\$9.08 \$5,561.89

Exhibit G-3
Town of Meredith

Summary of State Head Tax Warrant — Levy of 1954
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>Head Taxes Penalties</i>	
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	\$5,925.00	\$
Added Head Taxes	100.00	
Penalties Collected		15.00
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	\$6,025.00	\$15.00
<i>CREDITS</i>		
Remittances to Treasurer	\$4,730.00	\$15.00
Uncollected State Head Taxes—Dec. 31, 1954	1,295.00	
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	\$6,025.00	\$15.00

Exhibit G-4
Town of Meredith

Summary of State Head Tax Warrants
Levies of 1952 and 1953
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

<i>DEBITS</i>	<i>— Levies of —</i>	
	<i>1952</i>	<i>1953</i>
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1953	\$270.00	\$1,440.00
Cash on Hand—December 31, 1953		20.00
Added Head Taxes		45.00
Penalties Collected	3.50	70.50
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	\$273.50	\$1,575.50
 <i>CREDITS</i>		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer—</i>		
A/c Head Taxes	\$ 35.00	\$ 850.00
A/c Penalties	3.50	70.50
Abatements Allowed		230.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1954	235.00	440.00
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	\$273.50	\$1,590.50
Less: Excess Remittance		15.00
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	\$273.50	\$1,575.50

Exhibit H
Town of Meredith

**Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle Permits and
Dog License Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

DEBITS

Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954	\$.84
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued—

1953—#159368-#159420	\$	159.18
1954—#159009-#160498		11,054.66
1955—#167601-#167636		253.17
		<hr/> 11,467.01

Dog Licenses Issued—

202 @ \$2.00	\$	404.00
19 @ \$5.00		95.00
2 Kennels @ \$20.00		40.00
Penalties Collected		20.00
		<hr/> 559.00

Business Licenses—

Beano Permits	150.00
Filing Fees	11.00
	<hr/> \$12,187.85

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer—

A/c Motor Vehicle Permits	\$11,467.85
A/c Dog Licenses	559.00
A/c Business Licenses	150.00
A/c Filing Fees	11.00
	<hr/> \$12,187.85

Exhibit I
Town of Meredith

Meredith Public Library

Summary of Receipts & Expenditures & Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Balance—December 31, 1953 \$ 670.72

Receipts During Year—

Town Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Income from Trust Funds	701.35
Books Sold	50.20
Book Fines	55.90
Miscellaneous	15.00

Total Receipts	<hr/> 3,322.45
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\$3,993.17

Expenditures—

Salaries—Librarian & Assistant	\$1,245.15
Janitor Service	240.00
Books & Magazines	631.97
Electricity	74.91
Fuel	445.04
Library Supplies	34.38
Maint. of Buildings & Grounds	123.90
New Equipment	120.00
Insurance	118.92
Rebinding Books	31.47
Water	12.50
Dues	11.00
Miscellaneous	16.26

Total Expenditures	<hr/> 3,105.50
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Balance—December 31, 1954

\$887.67

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in Meredith Trust Company—Per

Statement Dated December 31, 1954 \$ 943.08

Less: Outstanding Checks 65.99

877.09

Add: Cash on Hand (Bal. of Book Fines Unexp'd'd) 10.58

\$887.67

Exhibit J
Town of Meredith

Statement of Trust Fund Principal, Income & Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Principal—December 31, 1953

Cemetery Funds	\$14,749.72
Library Funds	14,840.30
School Funds	1,028.00
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	\$30,618.02
New Cemetery Fund Created in 1954	200.00

Income Added to Principal During Year—

Library Fund	26.65
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	\$30,844.67

Income Activity—

Unexpended Bal.—Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 3,314.58
Earned During Year	1,094.69
	\$ 4,409.27
Expenditures During Year	711.88
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Unexpended Balance End of Year	3,697.39
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	\$34,542.06

INVESTMENTS

Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$23,545.41
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Investments—

Boston Fund Incorporated	\$ 4,056.00
Eaton & Howard Fund	3,991.84
Chemical Fund	2,948.81
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	10,996.65
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	\$34,542.06

Exhibit K
Town of Meredith

**Statement of Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of
Principal and Interest
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954**

	<i>Fire Station Bonds</i>	<i>Follett Road Notes</i>
Date of Original Issue	@ 1½ %	@ 1½ %
Amt. of Original Issue	May 1, 1946	December 15, 1947
Principal Payable Date	\$33,000.00	\$14,000.00
Interest Payable Dates	Nov. 1st & May 1st	June 15th & Dec. 1st
Payable At	First Nat'l Bank Boston, Mass	Leland Powers Boston, Mass

<i>Maturities—Yr. Ending</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1955	\$3,000.00	\$112.50	\$1,000.00	\$ 75.00
December 31, 1956	3,000.00	67.50	1,000.00	60.00
December 31, 1957	3,000.00	22.50	1,000.00	45.00
December 31, 1958			1,000.00	30.00
December 31, 1959			1,000.00	15.00
December 31, 1960				
December 31, 1961				
December 31, 1962				
December 31, 1963				
December 31, 1964				
December 31, 1965				
December 31, 1966				
December 31, 1967				
December 31, 1968				
December 31, 1969				
December 31, 1970				
December 31, 1971				
December 31, 1972				
December 31, 1973				
December 31, 1974				
December 31, 1975				
December 31, 1976				
December 31, 1977				
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	\$9,000.00	\$202.50	\$5,000.00	\$225.00

<i>Sewer Construction Bonds @ 1.6 %</i>		<i>Sewer Construction Bonds @ 2¾ %</i>		<i>Town Hall Annex Note</i>	
<i>May 1, 1952</i>		<i>July 1, 1953</i>		<i>March 11, 1954</i>	
\$350,000.00		\$175,000.00		\$5,000.00	
<i>May 1st</i>		<i>July 1st</i>		<i>December 15</i>	
<i>November 1 & May 1</i>		<i>January 1st & July 1st</i>		<i>June 15 & Dec. 15</i>	
<i>Nat'l Shawmut Bank</i>		<i>Nat'l Shawmut Bank</i>		<i>Meredith Village</i>	
<i>Boston, Mass.</i>		<i>Boston, Mass.</i>		<i>Savings Bank</i>	
<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$50.00
15,000.00	4,760.00	10,000.00	4,125.00		
15,000.00	4,520.00	10,000.00	3,850.00		
15,000.00	4,280.00	10,000.00	3,575.00		
15,000.00	4,040.00	10,000.00	3,300.00		
15,000.00	3,800.00	10,000.00	3,025.00		
15,000.00	3,560.00	10,000.00	2,750.00		
15,000.00	3,320.00	10,000.00	2,475.00		
15,000.00	3,080.00	10,000.00	2,200.00		
15,000.00	2,840.00	10,000.00	1,925.00		
15,000.00	2,600.00	10,000.00	1,650.00		
15,000.00	2,360.00	10,000.00	1,375.00		
15,000.00	2,120.00	10,000.00	1,100.00		
15,000.00	1,880.00	10,000.00	825.00		
15,000.00	1,640.00	5,000.00	618.75		
15,000.00	1,400.00	5,000.00	481.25		
15,000.00	1,160.00	5,000.00	343.75		
15,000.00	920.00	5,000.00	206.25		
10,000.00	720.00	5,000.00	68.75		
10,000.00	560.00				
10,000.00	400.00				
10,000.00	240.00				
10,000.00	80.00				
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\$320,000.00	\$55,280.00	\$165,000.00	\$38,293.75	\$2,500.00	\$50.00

Exhibit K (Continued)

Town of Meredith

Statement of Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954

Sewer Construction

Note 2%

Date of Original Issue *December 30, 1954*

Amt. of Original Issue *\$15,000.00*

Principal Payable Date *December 31, 1955*

Interest Payable Dates *June 30th & Dec. 31st*

Payable At *Meredith Village*

Savings Bank

Total

<i>Maturities—Yr. Ending</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1955	\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 9,937.50
December 31, 1956			29,000.00	9,012.50
December 31, 1957			29,000.00	8,437.50
December 31, 1958			26,000.00	7,885.00
December 31, 1959			26,000.00	7,355.00
December 31, 1960			25,000.00	6,825.00
December 31, 1961			25,000.00	6,310.00
December 31, 1962			25,000.00	5,795.00
December 31, 1963			25,000.00	5,280.00
December 31, 1964			25,000.00	4,765.00
December 31, 1965			25,000.00	4,250.00
December 31, 1966			25,000.00	3,735.00
December 31, 1967			25,000.00	3,220.00
December 31, 1968			25,000.00	2,705.00
December 31, 1969			20,000.00	2,258.75
December 31, 1970			20,000.00	1,881.25
December 31, 1971			20,000.00	1,503.75
December 31, 1972			20,000.00	1,126.25
December 31, 1973			15,000.00	788.75
December 31, 1974			10,000.00	560.00
December 31, 1975			10,000.00	400.00
December 31, 1976			10,000.00	240.00
December 31, 1977			10,000.00	80.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$516,500.00</u>	<u>\$94,351.25</u>

Exhibit L
Town of Meredith

Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1954

Tax Collector—

Ernest L. Libby				
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-153592	\$18,000.00	March	9, 1954
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-153854	\$ 2,000.00	March	9, 1954

Town Manager—

Ernest L. Libby				
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-52964	\$ 5,000.00	April	20, 1954

Town Clerk—

Guy U. Horne				
Peerless Casualty Co.	S-62636	\$ 1,000.00	March	9, 1954

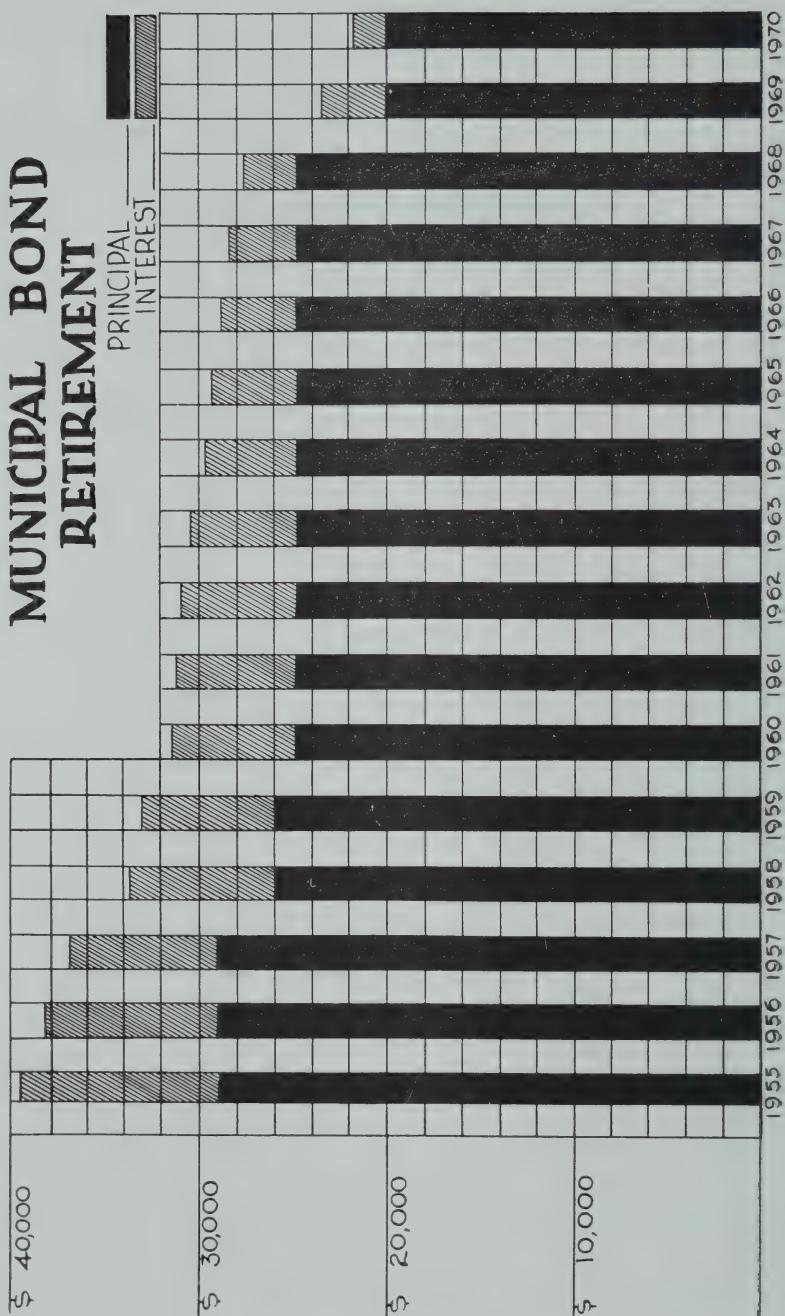
Town Treasurer—

Richard B. Wein				
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-150103	\$15,000.00	March	9, 1954

Trustees of Trust Funds—

John W. Beede				
Peerless Casualty Co.	S-42541	\$ 5,000.00	March	11, 1952
Henry H. Stark, Jr.				
Peerless Casualty Co.		\$ 5,000.00	March	10, 1954
Clinton Roper				
Peerless Casualty Co.	F-94714	\$ 5,000.00	March	9, 1954

MUNICIPAL BOND RETIREMENT



Report of Town Treasurer

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

General Account :

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1954	\$ 38.954.43	
Receipts	417,696.36	
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	\$456,650.79	
Disbursements	414,010.50	
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954		\$37,640.29

Sewer Construction Account :

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1954	22,889.90	
Receipts	35,645.16	
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	58,535.06	
Disbursements	56,505.42	
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954		2,029.64

Fire Station Construction Account :

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1954	553.77	
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	553.77	
Disbursements	28.00	
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954		525.77

Payroll Account :

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1954	500.00	
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	500.00	
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Cash on Hand—December 31, 1954		500.00
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Total Cash on Hand—All Accounts, December 31, 1954		\$40,695.70

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. WEIN

Treasurer

Annual Report of Meredith Public Health Nursing Association

January 1954 — January 1955

This report will include the number of home visits to sick people of the town and the work done in the schools during the past year—also various other activities for the Association and the schools.

This year there was more need for assistance to some families who were unable to provide adequate winter clothing for their children who were coming to school. The Emblem Club of Laconia gave \$30 for clothing for needy children. At Christmas time the Connecting Links of the local Congregational church gave clothing to two families. The Salvation Army fund gave \$21 and the Meredith Rotarians gave \$15. Mrs. Joseph Samaha gave a child's new coat; Mrs. Fred Weeks very graciously mended 5 boys' jackets. The Woman's Guild of St. Charles Church contributed clothing. These gifts of money, clothing and time were greatly appreciated. Three sleds donated by Mr. Leland Collins made three little people of Meredith very happy.

The National Foundation for Poliomyelitis in cooperation with local and state departments of health, medical and educational authorities, conducted a nation-wide field study of the effectiveness of vaccine against polio. The two counties of Belknap and Grafton were chosen for over a period of years they had the highest incidence of polio. The field trial was held here in Meredith at the high school gymnasium, and Center Harbor and New Hampton children were transported by bus to Meredith. The first three grades participated, the 1st and 3rd as control groups. The children of the 2nd grade actually received the vaccination. During the past summer two children of Meredith contracted polio, one from the 1st and one from the 3rd grade. These two children were seen by the physical-therapist from the Crippled Children's Program, for muscle examinations which proved satisfactory.

Each year in Meredith there is held a child health conference. This clinic is held in cooperation with the State Public Health Department. Children from 6 months to school age are eligible, and who are not under the care of a family physician. At the first clinic they are given a physical examination, and the first dose of toxoid; second, may be vaccinated and given second dose of toxoid and at the 3rd are given the third dose of toxoid and vaccination checked.

There are other clinics attended in Laconia. The Orthopedic Clinic is held at the Laconia Hospital once a month. The Tuberculosis Clinic is held in Laconia once in two months. The Child Mental Health and Guidance Clinic is held at the Congregational Church parish house in Laconia twice a month. Dr. Anna Philbrook and her team from Concord are in attendance. Recently they have secured a speech therapist as a member of the team. Conferences are held frequently with the Child Welfare social worker.

There were 514 home visits made, all of which for the most part, were to older people of the town.

Number of children examined	231
Vision screening	510
Hearing screening	191
Tuberculosis patch test	70
Chest X-ray (Chestmobile)	180
Heights and weights	510 X 2
Contagious diseases, measles	2
Mumps	45
Pediculosis	10
Impetigo	2

Those attending child health conference (35) were given the toxoid and 15 vaccinated.

Number attending Orthopedic Clinics	10
Tuberculosis	6
Child Guidance	3
Polio Vaccine	41

Conferences attended by school nurse-teachers:

1. At Rochester—Subject: Ringworm of the scalp.
2. At Concord—Departmental Institute on sight conservation.
3. At Plymouth—Summer session for 2 weeks on hearing conservation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE CURTIS, R. N.

Report of Treasurer

Meredith Public Health & Nursing Assn.

Balance on Deposit—January 10, 1954	\$ 464.79
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Receipts:

Town of Meredith	\$2,500.00	
Dues and Donations	268.00	
Nurse's Collections	212.13	
Union Thanksgiving Service	14.73	
Receipts in 1954		2,994.86
Total Receipts plus Balance on Deposit		\$3,459.65

Disbursements:

Marguerite Curtis, R. N.—Salary	1,954.14	
Int. Revenue Service—Social Security	39.09	
Substitute, Vacation & Schooling Time	106.00	
Fuel Oil and Stove Repair	117.41	
Telephone Service	56.01	
Nurse's Mileage Allowance	511.06	
Supplies	281.23	
Laundry and Cleaning	23.96	
Miscellaneous	14.49	
Total Disbursements in 1954		3,103.39
Balance on Deposit—January 10, 1955		\$ 356.26

Respectfully submitted,
CLYDE C. SMITH

Treasurer

Report of Community Day Camp

Due to an apparent lack of interest on the part of either children or parents the Day Camp Program which was conducted at Leavitt Park in 1953 by a group of citizens was not reactivated in 1954.

At the end of the 1953 season there was a balance of \$113.06 remaining after all bills were paid. This amount is still on deposit in the Meredith Village Savings Bank.

A renewed interest on the part of a number of parents indicates a possibility that the project may be resumed in 1955.

ERNEST L. LIBBY

Treasurer

Report of Police Department

Summary of Complaints Investigated

Complaints Investigated	194
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	18
Disorderly Persons	15
Automobile Accidents Investigated	33
Missing Persons Found	11
Stolen Boats	4
Tramps	20
Vandalism	12
Larceny	11
Traffic Violations	17

MEREDITH

School Report

1954

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Dr. Arthur F. Pottle

Clerk

Guy U. Horne

Treasurer

Mrs. Evelyn Watson

School Board

Carl A. Chase, Chairman

Term expires 1956

Sydney Batchelder

Term expires 1955

Jane B. Ambrose

Term expires 1957

Superintendent

Almon W. Bushnell

School Physician

Adrian Marshall, M. D.

School Nurse

Marguerite Curtis, R. N.

Truant Officer

Sydney Batchelder

Meeting of Meredith School District

March 5, 1954

The meeting was opened at 3:15 by the Moderator, Arthur F. Pottle, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated by those present. The Warrant was then read and the meeting proceeded under Articles 1 through 4, balloting for officers.

The Moderator called the business meeting to order at 8 p. m. to act on Articles 5 through 13 of the Warrant. The Rev. Robert Fillinger offered the prayer.

Article 5. It was moved by Sydney R. Batchelder and seconded that the salaries of the district officers remain the same as last year. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 6. By motion of Marshall S. Hodsdon, it was moved and seconded that Article 6 be postponed until after we have acted on Article 9. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 7. It was moved by Jane B. Ambrose and seconded that the district raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and seventy dollars as a deficit appropriation for the current year, due to the fact that an extra classroom and teacher had to be provided for the first grade. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 8. By motion of Jane B. Ambrose, it was moved that the School District vote to petition the State Board of Education to become part of a cooperative school district of the region comprising Meredith and Center Harbor, to provide for the education needs and services of all elementary and secondary school children. The check-list was used and the Moderator appointed the following persons to act as Tellers: Linden Grad, Marshall S. Hodsdon, Henry T. Boothby and John H. Ramsey. The number of votes cast was 285. Necessary for a choice 143. The number in favor was 146. The number against was 139.

Article 9. By motion of Sydney R. Batchelder it was moved and seconded that the District elect two representatives to serve on an Interim Committee to prepare the financial budget and discharge the other duties as authorized by Article 9 of the Warrant. Voted in the affirmative. At this time Article 6 was acted upon and members of the Committee appointed the previous year to study the needs of our schools and bring into the next meeting a report and specific recommendations concerning same, spoke of some of the accomplishments they had made. Those speaking for the committee were Robert W. Rhodes, Jane B. Ambrose, Linden E. Grad, Carl A. Chase and Marshall S. Hodsdon.

Article 10. By motion of Carl A. Chase, it was moved and seconded that inasmuch as the matter of a new building should be voted by the proposed cooperative district, I move that we dismiss Article 10. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 11. By motion of Sydney R. Batchelder it was moved and seconded that Jane B. Ambrose and Carl A. Chase be nominated to serve as members of the Interim Committee. The vote was unanimous and the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Jane B. Ambrose and Carl A. Chase. Almon W. Bushnell moved, and it was duly seconded, that the nine man committee appointed at the 1953 annual meeting continue to serve until the organization meeting, and at that time bring before the cooperative district suitable sketches, proposals and estimates for a new high school building. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 12. By motion of Carl A. Chase it was moved and seconded that since the cooperative district will need to adopt a budget for the coming year, and will make action at this meeting unnecessary; Article 12 be dismissed. Voted in the affirmative.

Article 13. Chester F. Lord moved and the motion was seconded that the Graduation Exercises of the Class of 1954 of Meredith High School be held at the St. Charles Auditorium. Voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator then reported the count of the ballots under Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 as follows: total ballots cast, 167. Under Article 1 for Moderator, Arthur F. Pottle had 164 votes. Having a majority of all votes cast, Arthur F. Pottle was declared Moderator for the ensuing year. Under Article 2 for Clerk, Guy U. Horne had 164 votes and Willard Grad had 1 vote. Guy U. Horne having a majority of all votes cast was declared Clerk for the ensuing year. Under Article 3 for a member of the School Board for 3 years, Jane B. Ambrose had 137 votes. Marjorie H. Piper, John W. Rideout, Harold W. Greator, John R. Weeks, Brad Sprague, Thomas Kemp, Frederick Deneault and Burt Way had 1 vote each. Jane B. Ambrose having a majority of all votes cast was declared a member of the School Board for 3 years. Article 4 for Treasurer, Evelyn S. Watson had 160 votes. Having a majority of all votes cast, Evelyn S. Watson was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

There being no further business, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned. Adjournment came at 11:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY U. HORNE

Clerk

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Proposed Meredith-Center Harbor School District

April 5, 1954

Dr. Arthur Pottle called the meeting to order at 8:10 p. m.—April 5, 1954—in the Meredith Town Hall, Meredith, New Hampshire. Due to the large number present it was necessary to hold the meeting in a larger building. Before action was taken on this matter, however, the Warrant was read in its entirety and prayer was offered by Rev. Francis Cooper, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Meredith.

Carl Chase, member of the Interim Committee, made the motion that the group adjourn to the St. Charles Auditorium which would more adequately care for the large number gathered and immediately continue this meeting. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously in the affirmative.

The meeting was again called to order at the Auditorium by Dr. Pottle and the following action was taken on the Warrant:

Article 1. Arthur Pottle was nominated to serve as Moderator for the ensuing year. As there were no further nominations, Irving Brown, Chm. Interim Committee, was empowered by the voice of the people to cast one ballot for this office and Arthur Pottle was duly elected.

Article 2. Athalie Rand and Blanche O'Brien were nominated for the office of clerk 'pro tem'. Mrs. O'Brien declined the nomination. There were no further nominations. W. Irving Brown was instructed by the people to cast one ballot for clerk 'pro tem' and Athalie Rand was duly elected.

Arthur Pottle, Moderator, and Athalie Rand, Clerk 'pro tem', were duly sworn in by John Ramsey, Attorney-at-law—Notary Public.

Article 3. Jane Ambrose, Member of the Interim Committee, made the motion that the district adopt the resolution as stated in Article 3 of the Warrant—"Resolved that the Meredith-Center Harbor Cooperative School District of the towns of Meredith and Center Harbor be organized and a Cooperative School District be established to provide for the educational needs and services of all elementary and secondary school children of the aforesaid school districts of Meredith and Center Har-

bor, New Hampshire, and that its date of establishment be effective as of July 1, 1954. The motion was seconded. A lengthy discussion followed at the close of which W. Irving Brown moved the Previous Question. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative (2/3 vote—by show of hands).

The Moderator again read the motion in its entirety and stated that the vote would be made by ballot as required by law. He appointed the following to act as Tellers:

From Center Harbor—

Irving Brown and Herbert Martin

From Meredith—

Marshall Hodsdon and John Ramsey

The School Boards appointed the following to act as Checkers:

From Center Harbor—

John MacAllister and Clyde Brown

From Meredith—

Beverly Martin and Marion Chase

The ballots were then passed to all eligible voters and the Moderator declared the ballot open. After all had voted who were eligible and who wished to do so, the ballot was declared closed by the Moderator.

The vote was counted and the following report submitted by the Tellers to the Moderator was read:

Number of Votes Cast	362
Necessary for Choice	182
Votes Cast in the Negative	237 (no)
Votes Cast in the Affirmative .	125 (yes)

The motion was therefore voted in the negative and the resolution as stated in Article 3 of the Warrant will not be adopted.

As this resolution was not adopted there were no further proceedings at the meeting except John Ramsey made the motion to reconsider the question and that a meeting for this purpose should not be called before six months but within two year's time of the present meeting. (In order to make this motion John Ramsey goes on record as voting with the majority on the question.) The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. This action makes it possible to call a special meeting of the two towns without again petitioning the State Department of Education.

Mr. Earl Welch asked that an informal vote (by show of hands) be taken of those who would be interested in consoli-

·dation on the high school level. The vote showed an interest in consolidation on this level.

It was the unanimous vote of the assembly that their appreciation be realized on being allowed to hold this meeting in the St. Charles Auditorium and that this expression of appreciation be recorded in the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 10:35 p. m.

ATHALIE L. RAND

Clerk 'pro tem'

Special Meeting of Meredith School District

June 30, 1954

The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by the Moderator, Arthur F. Pottle, and Rev. Erle Morse offered prayer.

Article 1. Carl A. Chase read and explained the proposed budget and made a motion which was duly seconded; that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$124,116.24 for current school expenses for the school year 1954-55, and that the school board deduct from this sum its estimated income from tuition and other sources, the balance to be raised by taxation. The vote was in the affirmative.

Article 2. Jane B. Ambrose made a motion which was duly seconded; that the district petition the State Board of Education to become a part of a Cooperative School District of the region comprising Meredith, Center Harbor, Ashland, Holderness, Moultonboro and Sandwich, to provide for the educational needs of all pupils in grades 7 through 12. The check-list was used and the Moderator appointed Marion W. Chase and Herberta T. Stark as Checkers and Bradbury Sprague, J. Clinton Roper and Marshall S. Hodsdon as Tellers.

Total number of votes cast was 115 as follows:

Yes — 93

No — 21

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and the vote being in the affirmative it was so declared by the Moderator.

Article 3. Sydney R. Batchelder made a motion which was duly seconded that the district elect Jane B. Ambrose and Carl A. Chase as two representatives to serve on an Interim Committee who shall prepare a financial budget for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district, and include in the organization warrant an article calling for an appropriation for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district during the first year and such other items of business as need to be acted upon at the organization meeting. The vote was in the affirmative.

There being no further business, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY U. HORNE

Clerk

School Board's Budget — 1955 - 56

Figures in the right hand column below represent amounts required to be appropriated for the support of public school and other statutory obligations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955.

The first column shows the actual amounts spent during the fiscal year 1953-54. The middle column shows the amounts voted at the 1954 District Meeting. These are shown for comparative purposes.

	<i>Spent</i> 1953-54	<i>Budget</i> 1954-55	<i>Budget</i> 1955-56
<i>ADMINISTRATION</i>			
<i>A. Local</i>			
District officers' salaries	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00	\$ 174.00
Per capita tax	854.00	862.00	984.00
Census, truant officer, bookkeeper	207.80	200.00	250.00
Other expenses administration	220.25	250.00	250.00
<i>B. District's Share, Union Expense</i>			
Superintendent's salary	1,290.36	1,311.00	1,570.50
Supt's sec. & Union treasurer	836.55	940.12	968.47
Guidance counselor			872.50
Other union expenses	849.87	940.12	977.20
<i>Instruction</i>			
Teachers' salaries	63,269.68	73,150.00	80,100.00
Textbooks	988.97	1,900.00	1,900.00
Scholars' supplies	3,455.29	3,200.00	3,500.00
Other expenses instruction	971.79	1,300.00	1,300.00
<i>Operation of School Plant</i>			
Janitors' salaries	4,582.52	4,980.00	5,200.00
Fuel	3,228.85	3,150.00	3,300.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies	2,399.63	2,000.00	2,500.00
<i>Maintenance of School Plant</i>			
Repairs and replacements	2,119.69	3,000.00	3,000.00
<i>Auxiliary Activities</i>			
Health supervision	1,349.66	1,450.00	1,450.00
Transportation	8,070.00	8,370.00	8,975.00
Tuition	304.40	300.00	480.00
Special activities	661.21	760.00	860.00
School lunch	3,075.00	3,075.00	3,075.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement	4,527.89	5,304.00	5,862.00
Insurance	1,625.95	1,500.00	1,500.00
Contingency fund		2,000.00	2,000.00

Capital Outlay

Lands & buildings	100.00		
Additions & improvements	4,902.35	2,000.00	2,500.00
New equipment	1,276.78	2,000.00	3,250.00
Total Expenditures	\$111,369.49	\$124,116.24	\$136,798.67

RECEIPT ITEMS—Actual or Estimated

Balance	847.54	650.00	550.00
Federal Aid	527.80	300.00	300.00
Tuition	9,903.07	9,000.00	7,800.00
Other income	360.00	360.00	360.00
Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	11,638.41	10,310.00	9,010.00
District Assessment (raised or to be raised)	102,254.71	115,876.24	127,788.67
Total Available (or to be appropriated)	\$113,893.12	\$126,186.24	\$136,798.67

Supervisory Union Report

FINANCIAL

The union budget for the 1955-56 school year is apportioned among the six districts in this manner:

<i>DISTRICT</i>		<i>Supt's Salary</i>	<i>Travel, Sec- retary & Other Exp.</i>	<i>Guidance Director</i>
Ashland	(23.56%)	\$1,060.20	\$1,313.47	\$ 589.00
Meredith	(34.9 %)	1,570.50	1,945.67	872.50
Center Harbor	(4.74%)	213.30	264.26	118.50
Holderness	(13.34%)	600.30	743.70	333.50
Moultonboro	(12.02%)	540.90	670.12	300.50
Sandwich	(11.44%)	514.80	637.78	286.00
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Total		\$4,500.00	\$5,575.00	\$2,500.00

The superintendent's salary this year is \$6,300, of which \$3,800 is collected from the six local districts and the balance of \$2,500 is paid by the state.

PROPOSED GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The item of a guidance director, at an estimated cost of \$2,500, is to be matched by an equal sum from a Federal appropriation. For two years the union board has been considering the need for the services such a person could perform. Since this is a new service, however, the state law provides that each district must vote separately on this under a special article in the warrant.

A guidance director is of specific help and counsel in various fields. On the elementary level, he can direct remedial work with children who are emotionally upset or who need assistance in their learning processes; and he can help the eighth graders choose their high school courses wisely and get a confident and successful start in high school.

On the secondary level, our high school teenagers often fail to find themselves, vocationally and socially. Helping our high school boys and girls to realize their abilities and limitations and steering them into the right field of further study or of positions in business and industry is an invaluable service which the guidance director can render for our youth.

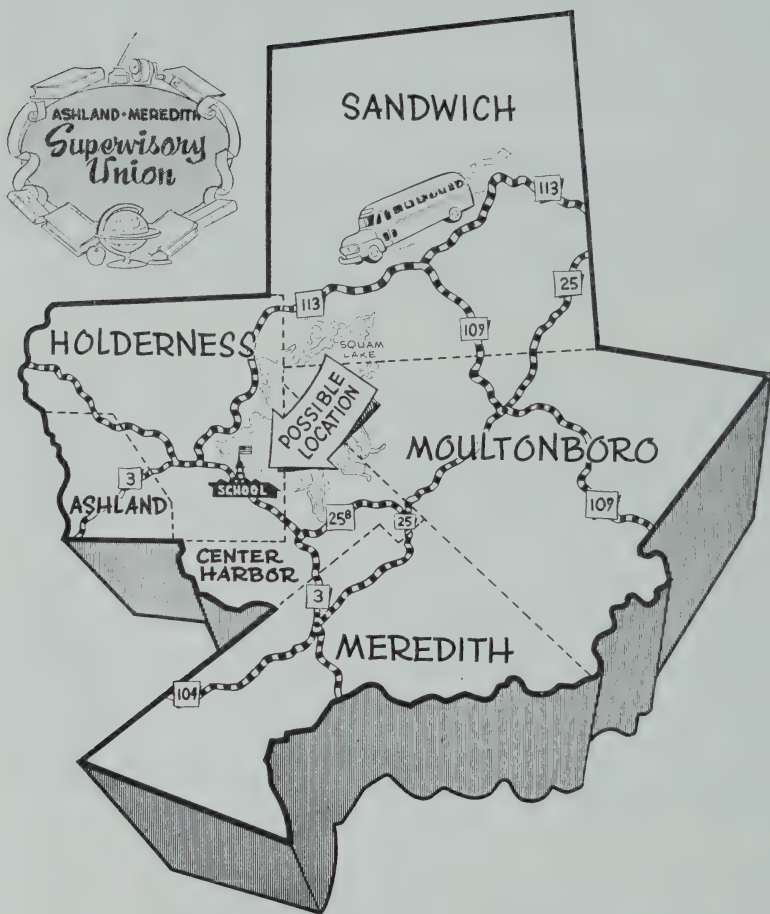
Most of our cities provide a guidance director as part of their regular staff. Small towns cannot afford to do this, but on a union-wide basis the cost would be reasonable. The Epping-Newmarket union started such a plan two years ago; it has proved very popular there, and several unions in Vermont and Maine have also reported good results from this type of service.

Our principals and teachers have in many cases been extremely helpful in guidance work. However, I feel that we need a counselor who has special training for this work, and who could devote his entire time to it. He would also counsel with teachers and principals, to assist them to do better what they are already attempting. I recommend the employment of a guidance director as an excellent investment in better education.

PROPOSED COOPERATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Since last year's report, an active effort has been made to form a cooperative district for grades 7 through 12, for the districts in this union. Such a plan should relieve the crowded conditions existing in most of our schools, and at the same time create a school large enough to provide a curriculum which would be impossible in any one of our three separate small secondary schools.

The towns of this union have been approved by the state board of education as constituting a unit of suitable size and property valuation. Three of the districts have already voted on the question of joining; the other three districts will take action on the matter at the 1955 annual meeting, or at a later special meeting called for the purpose.



The accompanying map shows the extent of the proposed larger district, and indicates a possible location which is approximately central, based upon a study of pupil-miles of necessary transportation. The actual location would have to be determined by vote of the district, or by a committee chosen by the voters.

The original plan contemplated a building to house grades 7 through 12, starting with about 600 pupils. An architect's sketch was prepared for such a building, but the estimated cost exceeded our bonding limit. It seems possible, however, to provide a central high school for grades 9 - 12 (about 400 pupils at the start) within our means. This would mean that the cooperative or union board could main-

tain a central senior high school in the new location, and separate junior high school units (one in Ashland and one in Meredith at least—perhaps others if it should seem best).

New England people are traditionally conservative, and it always seems easier to vote “no” on any proposed change. However, it is a proven fact that the smaller the school, the greater the cost per pupil. Hundreds of communities throughout our nation have found the larger district a practical means of improving their educational facilities without unreasonable expense.

State aid for buildings, as well as some assistance from the Federal government, is being seriously considered. If funds from these sources could be made available, there is no reason why our new high school could not be one of the best in the state.

CONCLUSION

This is my last report as your superintendent, as I shall retire on August 31, 1955. Since I came in 1934 many changes have taken place. One-room schools have been replaced by new and modern buildings. School enrollments have increased; courses in shop have been added to our high schools; a good program of music education has been carried on; school nurse services and excellent school lunches are now available in every school. However, the most important part of any school program is what happens when the teacher meets the pupil day by day. All our expensive equipment, beautiful buildings, and comprehensive curricula will count for but little without devoted and capable teachers, and pupils who are willing to apply themselves and strive to improve.

These twenty-one years have been very pleasant ones to me, and I am very grateful for the fine cooperation of school boards and teachers, and the friendly spirit of the people in this union. I wish for my successor the same cordial welcome and hearty support that you have given me, and that he will feel the same thrill that I always experience when a child greets me with a smile and wave of the hand, and says, “Hi, Mr. Bushnell!”

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON W. BUSHNELL

Superintendent

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

State Tax Commission

Concord, New Hampshire

August 23, 1954

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Meredith School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954, and found them to be in good order.

In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the School District, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

Robert W. Flanders, Accountant

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Balance Sheets As of June 30, 1953 and June 30, 1954

ASSETS	June 30, 1953	June 30, 1954
<i>Treasurer's Cash on Hand—</i>		
General Fund	\$847.54	\$2,523.63
School Lunch Acct. (contra)	858.33	349.41
	<u>\$ 1,705.87</u>	<u>\$2,873.04</u>
<i>Due from Town of Meredith—</i>		
Bal. of 1952-53 Appropriation	10,254.71	
Bal. of 1953-54 Appropriation		5,246.39
	<u>\$11,960.58</u>	<u>\$8,119.43</u>
Total Assets		1,385.26
Net Debt		
	<u>\$11,960.58</u>	<u>\$9,504.69</u>
Total Assets & Net Debt		
	\$11,960.58	\$9,504.69
 <i>LIABILITIES & SURPLUS</i>		
<i>Accounts Payable—</i>		
Payrolls for July & August	\$ 8,223.50	\$8,271.70
<i>School Lunch Funds - Unexpended Balances: (Contra)</i>		
Lang Street Elementary School	858.33	29.69
Meredith High School		319.72
		<u>349.41</u>
<i>Unexpended Balances of Appropriations—</i>		
Lands & Buildings	\$500.00	\$ 400.00
New Equipment	360.36	333.58
Coop. School Committee	150.00	150.00
	<u>1,010.36</u>	<u>883.58</u>
Total Liabilities	\$10,092.19	\$9,504.69
Surplus	1,868.39	
	<u>\$11,960.58</u>	<u>\$9,504.69</u>
Total Liabilities & Surplus		
	\$11,960.58	\$9,504.69

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

Surplus—June 30, 1953	\$1,868.39	
Net Debt—June 30, 1954	1,385.26	
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Change in Financial Condition		\$3,253.65

Analysis of Change

Increases—

Net Budget Deficit	\$1,337.06	
Surplus of June 30, 1953 Used to Reduce		
1953-54 Tax Rate	1,868.39	
Accounts Payable Increase	48.20	
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Net Change		\$3,253.65

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

<i>TITLE OF ACCOUNT</i>	<i>Liabilities Forwarded from 1952-53</i>	<i>Appropriations 1953-54</i>	<i>Total Amount Available</i>	<i>Expenditures 1953-54</i>	<i>Balances Unexpended</i>	<i>Liabilities Forwarded to 1954-55</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Administration—</i>						
Salaries of District Officers		174.00	174.00	174.00		
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)		1,290.36	1,290.36	1,290.36		
Tax for State Wide Supervision		854.00	854.00	854.00		
Salaries of Other Personnel		1,063.55	1,063.55	1,071.35		7.80
Supplies & Expenses		1,099.87	1,099.87	1,070.12	29.75	
<i>Instruction—</i>						
Teachers' & Principals' Salaries		61,450.00	61,450.00	63,269.68		1,819.68
Books & Other Instructional Aids		1,500.00	1,500.00	988.97	511.03	
Scholars' Supplies		2,900.00	2,900.00	3,533.50		633.50
Supplies & Other Expenses		1,200.00	1,200.00	971.79	228.21	
<i>Operation of School Plant—</i>						
Salaries of Janitors		4,680.00	4,680.00	4,582.52	97.48	
Fuel or Heat		3,150.00	3,150.00	3,228.85		78.85
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,399.63		399.63

Maintenance of School Plant—

Repairs & Replacements	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,166.69	833.31	
<i>Auxiliary Activities—</i>					
Health Supervision	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,349.66		49.66
Transportation	8,500.00	8,500.00	8,070.00	430.00	
Tuition	370.00	370.00	304.40	65.60	
<i>Special Activities & Special Funds—</i>					
Special Activities	760.00	760.00	705.28	54.72	
School Lunch - District	3,075.00	3,075.00	3,075.00		
Contingency Fund	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00	
<i>Fixed Charges—</i>					
Retirement	4,108.00	4,108.00	4,527.89		419.89
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond, Etc.	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,667.57	332.43	
<i>Capital Outlay—</i>					
Lands & New Buildings	500.00	500.00	100.00		400.00
Additions & Improvements to Buildings		1,250.00	4,902.35		3,652.35
New Equipment	360.36	1,250.00	1,610.36	1,276.78	338.58
Cooperative Schools Committee	150.00		150.00		150.00
Totals	\$1,010.36	\$108,774.78	\$109,785.14	\$4,382.53	\$7,061.36
			\$111,580.39		\$883.58

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>Revenues</i>		<i>Excess</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>		
Surplus of June 30, 1953	\$ 1,868.39	\$ 1,868.39	\$	\$
Federal Aid	300.00	527.80	227.80	
Tuition	9,000.00	9,903.07	903.07	
Rent of Office	360.00	360.00		
Shop Sales		58.71	58.71	
Insurance Adjustments		88.62	88.62	
Refunds & Reimbursements		63.57	63.57	
Totals	\$11,528.39	\$12,870.16	\$1,341.77	\$

BUDGET SUMMARY

Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$ 7,061.36	
Unexpended Balances of Approps.	4,382.53	
Net Overdraft of Approps.		\$2,678.83
Actual Revenues	12,870.16	
Estimated Revenues	11,528.39	
Net Revenue Surplus		1,341.77
Net Budget Deficit		\$1,337.06

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid—

Smith-Hughes & George-Barden	\$ 527.80
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Local Taxation—

Current Appropriation	\$92,000.00	
Bal. of Previous Appropriation	10,254.71	
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		102,254.71

Other Sources—

Tuition	9,903.07	
Office Rent	360.00	
Shop Sales	58.71	
Insurance Adjustments	88.62	
Refunds & Reimbursements	63.57	
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		10,473.97

Total Receipts from All Sources	113,256.48
Balance—July 1, 1953	847.54

Grand Total	<hr/>	\$114,104.02
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EXPENDITURES

Administration—

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 174.00	
Superintendent's Salary (local share)	1,290.36	
Tax for State Wide Supervision	854.00	
Salaries of Other Personnel	1,071.35	
Supplies & Expenses	1,070.12	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,459.83

Instruction—

Teachers' Salaries	54,957.37	
Principal's Salaries	8,312.31	
Books & Other Instructional Aids	988.97	
Scholars' Supplies	3,533.50	
Supplies & Other Expenses	971.79	
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Operation of School Plant—

Salaries of Janitors	4,582.52	
Fuel or Heat	3,228.85	
Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	2,399.63	
	<hr/>	10,211.00

Maintenance of School Plant—

Repairs & Replacements	2,166.69
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Auxiliary Activities—

Health Supervision	1,349.66	
Transportation	8,070.00	
Tuition	304.40	
Special Activities & Special Funds	705.28	
School Lunch—District	3,075.00	
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Fixed Charges—

Retirement	4,527.89	
Insurance, Treasurer's Bond, etc.	1,667.57	
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Capital Outlay—

Lands & New Buildings	100.00	
Additions & Improvements	4,902.35	
New Equipment	1,276.78	
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Total Expenditures for All Purposes	111,580.39
Balance—June 30, 1954	2,523.63

Grand Total \$114,104.02

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meredith High School Statement of School Lunch Program Account Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

Balance—July 1, 1953		\$
<i>Receipts During School Year—</i>		.
Lunch Sales—Children	\$3,623.32	
Lunch Sale—Adults	398.28	
Food Reimbursements	908.05	
District Appropriation	1,537.50	
Transfer from Lang St. Lunch Program	353.73	
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<i>Expenditures During School Year—</i>		
Food & Milk	4,213.93	
Labor—Adult	1,557.96	
Labor—Children	377.15	
Equipment	66.84	
Services & Supplies	285.28	
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Balance—June 30, 1954		\$319.72

MEREDITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lang Street Elementary School Statement of School Lunch Program Account Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1954

Balance—July 1, 1953 \$ 858.33

Receipts During School Year—

Lunch Sales—Children	\$4,354.13	
Lunch Sales—Adults	210.55	
Food Reimbursements	1,232.98	
District Appropriation	1,537.50	
Miscellaneous	63.98	
		7,399.14
		\$8,257.47

Expenditures During School Year—

Food & Milk	5,131.65	
Labor—Adult	1,371.10	
Labor—Children	465.30	
Equipment	307.38	
Services & Supplies	598.62	
Transfer to High School Lunch Program	353.73	
		8,227.78

Balance—June 30, 1954 \$ 29.69

Report of Superintendent and Principals

SERVICES AND CURRICULUM

The schools of Meredith are furnishing many services to children beyond the usual classroom activities. On our staff are specialists in the field of music, penmanship and nursing. We serve over 300 lunches a day, insuring the children a wholesome and satisfying noon meal. We are continuing at the Lang Street school the program of remedial reading, as well as individual help in other subjects. Most children are covered by the school sponsored accident insurance plan which is obtainable for a nominal fee.

The elementary curriculum is aimed at giving the children a solid foundation in fundamentals. Reading, arithmetic, penmanship, science and social studies receive special emphasis to prepare our pupils for secondary work. We are also active in the fields of art, music and oral participation which are necessary to help our children to become well rounded personalities.

Among the fundamentals in these days at the high school are driver training, also a new brief course in gun safety, in which New Hampshire is a pioneer, and which is specially valuable in an area where hunting is a common but hazardous pastime. Our music department has been pushed around from year to year; now in a church vestry, then in the Bixby House; now it occupies a room in the town building (formerly the town manager's office) which the selectmen have generously made available for us. Chorus and band rehearsals are held in the town hall, which is a satisfactory arrangement except in cold weather, for the place is difficult to heat.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

No aspect of educational advance has proved more satisfying to pupils, teachers and parents than outdoor education activities. In our school this April, the seventh grade plans to spend one week at Camp Sargent in Peterboro.

A few days at camp, properly directed, can be an important educational experience. It should not become just an outdoor vacation. (a) Learning and living are closely connected; direct instruction is longer remembered, and school books become more meaningful. (b) Pupils learn to appreciate parents, teachers and classmates. When lights are low, pupils are encouraged to speak from the heart. "I never realized how hard my mother has to work till I served on all the committees at camp—making breakfast, washing dishes,

sweeping, gathering wood, caring for my clothes." (c) Better community relations are developed. As parents and teachers work together in planning for a week at camp—and when parents' night at camp is observed—teachers, parents and pupils grow to understand one another better. (d) Learning is stimulated. Besides direct instruction in science, nature, conservation, geography, history, etc., there is enthusiastic overflow into oral and written English. Boys who never wanted to talk to a large group before now have something they want to say. There are letters of thanks to be written, items for the newspaper, accounts to keep, etc. (e) Better relations are developed among faculty members. Outdoor education projects are a common meeting ground for teachers of physical education, of science, home economics, shop, etc.

Located as we are in one of the most beautiful spots in God's creation, it is fitting that special effort be made to bring our young people into closer contact with nature. In addition to the week to be spent while in the seventh grade, I believe it would be worthwhile for younger classes to attempt a class experience overnight or for a weekend at some suitable location near school. If two or more small groups from different schools could plan this together, it should be even more valuable.

TEACHERS AND PUPILS

Increasing enrollment and frequent changes in the teaching staff have characterized our program during the past few years. The Lang Street enrollment is still on the upswing with an increase from 280 to 304 pupils. Next year the number is expected to reach 325 or more. It is interesting to note (and perhaps a little disturbing) that the first three grades have an enrollment larger than that of the entire junior and senior high school.

At the high school, we now have two full-time junior high teachers, instead of one full-time teacher plus several different high school departmental teachers as in previous years. This gives the students in grades 7 and 8 a greater sense of security and the teachers a better understanding of their students. Twelve teachers carry on our present program at the high school—but to fit twelve teachers and a cook into a nine-room building (even with a gymnasium and town hall for occasional use) presents a complex problem.

During the two-year period of 1953-55, our students in the high school have had as regular teachers twenty-one different people. The sudden death on April 16, 1954, of our faithful mathematics teacher, John Edwin Humiston, cast a shadow of sorrow over the entire community. In the Querim

case, mentioned in last year's report, the State's investigation has completely cleared Mr. Querim of any suspicion of communistic sympathies or connections; but no apologies have been offered by those patriotic persons who unjustly accused him last year.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

Our teachers' annual workshops are now traditional in this union. From their very inception they have been successful, covering a wide range of subjects, such as: conservation, music, techniques in teaching reading, guidance, etc. This past November the workshop was held for three days at the Moultonboro central school. The theme was based on Moral and Spiritual Values. At first glance, this might seem a matter for controversy and argument. Rather, it proved to be a topic of vital, current importance which drew only very healthy and constructive discussion in the various groups. On the opening morning, Rev. Mark Strickland of Manchester was the key-note speaker. All local clergy, both Protestant and Catholic in this area were invited to attend and a few of them were present and contributed much in discussion groups. Also invited were parents and PTA members. Included among our outstanding consultants were Miss Anita Petrucci and Miss Pollyanne Andem, both of whom are English teachers in the high school in Weymouth, Mass., where a program for strengthening the moral and spiritual values of pupils has been undertaken with noteworthy success. Other consultants from educational circles in our own state came from Concord, Plymouth, Holderness and Laconia. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion among our consultants and our teachers that this workshop was our "best yet."

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The overflow class from the Lang Street school is housed on the first floor of the Bixby house, where we have taken out partitions and provided a small but quite attractive classroom. The grounds back of this building have been smoothed and fenced, so it is now unnecessary to fence off the street for a play space although the playground is still far too small.

For another overflow class next fall, some room must be provided. Use of the nurse's quarters upstairs at the Bixby house has been proposed; some have suggested use of the school at Meredith Center; and still a third possibility is a double-session day for part of our primary grades.

The high school lunch program and home economics classes have shared the same kitchen for several years. This is a very crowded situation, and we cannot offer a satisfactory

course in home economics under these conditions. Miss Ruth Cutter, state director of school lunches, refers to our high school situation as "one of the most serious spots in our state," and suggests that one kitchen should be equipped to serve both schools.

Our shop program is also handicapped by limited space, and every year some who wish to enroll for shop work have to be content with other courses instead.

From October through February the gymnasium is in constant use by physical education classes during the school day, and by basketball practices or games in the afternoon and evening. Facilities are inadequate for such a full-time program. Pupils from the Lang Street school, where the activity room has been converted into classrooms, have no place to go during the winter months for their physical education program, as the high school pupils are using the gym almost all day.

TRANSPORTATION

It may be of interest to note that our bus service travels over 18,000 miles a year, averaging over 400 children per day, with more riding on cold or stormy days. Few, if any, of the children are on the bus over 30 minutes, and most of them much less. All elementary children living more than a mile from school, and all high school pupils who come more than two miles, are entitled to ride; and where there is safe room we carry them within these limits.

Mr. Sprague has frequently carried groups on field trips for educational purposes (such as a trip to the airport, a maple sugar camp, or the Historical Society building). It would be a worth-while investment to arrange for such excursions more often during the year.

Each bus receives six state inspections per year, assuring the public that our children are riding in safe equipment. Adequate liability insurance (\$100,000 per bus) is carried, but Mr. Sprague is proud of the fact that up to date it has been unnecessary to submit any claims on account of accidents.

LOOKING AHEAD

Planning for the future is a necessary but difficult assignment. In any such plan, it is appropriate to list some of the needs which must not be overlooked. We suggest the following as worth serious consideration.

a) We should have a physical education program with adequate facilities for all grades. This should include track and winter sports, not merely basketball and baseball.

b) Art education (including various crafts such as are encouraged throughout New Hampshire) deserves a place in our curriculum.

c) Adequate facilities for music education are needed.

d) Kindergartens are worth-while for all children—not just the few who can afford it.

e) Playground area for both of our present buildings, which will doubtless be used for some time, should be enlarged by acquiring and improving additional land.

f) Our secondary curriculum, especially in view of the big enrollments just ahead, needs to provide more variety of courses and at the same time be made more thorough in its fundamental requirements. The present limitations of space and equipment make a new high school an imperative need.

g) More attention to guidance is urgently needed. We recommend the pilot program suggested in the supervisory union report, as the next step in this direction.

h) A union-wide high school seems to us the best solution to our problem. If federal and/or state aid for buildings can be made available, the cooperation of all districts concerned should be easier to secure, and a school plant adequate for future growth might be possible in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMON W. BUSHNELL

Superintendent

MAURICE H. TAYLOR

Principal of High School

CALVIN ROLFE

Principal of Lang Street School

Annual School Health Report

During the school year of 1953-54, 231 students were given physical examinations by the school physician. This figure includes grades 1, 4, 7 and 10 and those participating in competitive sports.

There were 70 children given the tuberculosis patch test in the first grade, with no positive reactors.

Through the State Department of Public Health, Communicable Disease Control, the Chestmobile is scheduled on an annual basis and is available to the high school students and the school personnel of both schools. 180 students were X-rayed and the results sent to each student's family physician.

Vision screening, using the Shellen E chart, was given 510 children. There were 7 defects found.

From the hearing screening, using the Maico audiometer, 2 defects were discovered.

Cases of Communicable Diseases:

German Measles	2
Mumps	45
Pediculosis	10
Impetigo	3

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in cooperation with the state and local health, medical and educational authorities, conducted a nation-wide field study of the effectiveness of a vaccine for poliomyelitis. The two counties of Strafford and Belknap were chosen for this study, since over a period of 5 years the incidence of polio was the highest in these counties. The group chosen was 2nd grade children for the actual vaccine injections, leaving the 1st and 3rd grades as the control groups. The vaccine was given May 6, May 13 and June 9. During the summer there were 2 cases of polio reported and each child was in the control group.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. CURTIS, R. N.

School Nurse

Table of Attendance Statistics

School and Teacher	<i>Number Half Days School in Session</i>	<i>Total Enrollment</i>	<i>Number of Pupils (Av. Membership)</i>	<i>Percent of Attendance</i>	<i>Pupils Not Absent or Tardy Entire Year</i>
High School:					
Grades 9 - 12	354	162	144.0	95.3	0
Junior High:					
Grade 8	354	34	29.72	96.57	5
Grade 7	354	37	35.9	93.91	2
Lang Street School:					
Grade 6 Dana Lewis, followed by William Robinson	350	35	32.42	96.20	8
Grade 5 Helen Sten	352	38	34.1	95.3	3
Grade 4 Hope Lincoln	352	30	28.30	94.07	0
Grades 4 & 3 Ruth Turner	352	31	27.7	94.6	1
Grade 3 Elizabeth Bickford	352	27	24.67	93.76	0
Grade 2 Ethelyn Thomas	352	25	22.23	92.97	0
Grade 2 Eleanor Rock	352	26	22.20	89.85	0
Grade 1 Evelyn Storck	352	29	25.27	90.08	0
Grade 1 Martha Arsenault	352	29	26.82	90.00	0
Grade 1 Nina Taylor	352	31	27.41	92.44	0
All Meredith	352	534	480.74	93.46	19

School Enrollment & Teaching Staff—1954-55

High School:

Grade 12	26	Maurice Taylor	Principal
Grade 11	35	Leland W. Collins	Shop
Grade 10	20	Marcia Allan	Social Science, French
Grade 9	33	Dana Bamford	Physical Education
Grade 8	25	Marjorie Collins	Home Economics
Grade 7	35	Joanne Howland	Mathematics
Total	174	Guilea Kenney	Commerce
		Wendell Tetley	English
		Maurice Smith	Science
		Ruth Humiston	Junior High
		Lewis Woodaman	Junior High

Lang Street School—Calvin Rolfe, Principal

Grade 6	32	William Robinson
Grade 5	31	Helen Sten
Grades 4&5 . . .	26	Robert Benoit
Grade 4	29	Normand Valliere
Grade 3	27	Elizabeth Bickford
Grades 2&3 . . .	25	Mary Morton
Grade 2	31	Ethelyn Thomas
	30	Eleanor Rock
Grade 1	25	Nina Taylor
	26	Mildred Hoyt
	27	Marie Forbes, followed by Dorothy Wilkins
Total	309	

Supervisor of Music—Louis Celona

Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance

Not Absent or Tardy Entire Year — 1954-55

Christine Anair	Elizabeth Fields	
Gail Bucklin	Rodney Fortier	
Jeanette Corliss	Donald Howe	
Elaine Moscardini	Sally Nelson	
Charles Roberts	Nathalie Pelczar	
Katherine Amabile	Theodore Sleeper	
Louise Moscardini	Jane Davis	
Jon Batchelder	Barbara Grad	
Wayne Chase	Diana Hatch	Linda Larlee

TUITION PUPILS HIGH SCHOOL — FALL TERM 1954

Center Harbor	16
Holderness	4
Moultonboro	16

Meredith High School Graduating Class—1954

Lorraine Ellen Chase	Norma Ellen McGuigan
Annie Laurie Cram	Richard Norman Mooney
John William Dever, Jr.	William Sumner Neal
Wyman Louis Dickey	Howard Clayton Niles
Larry William Gagne	Walter Peter Page
Donald Bickford Gordon, Jr.	Theodore Louis Pelczar
Lee Burton Huston	Norman Nelson Reid, Jr.
Pauline Louise Juneau	Beverly Ann Shannon
Malcolm Jones	Patricia Alice Sidney
Robert Melbourne Kempton	Joan Ramona Sweetland
Diane Elaine Lord	Roger Wilfred Wakefield
Bertram Blaisdell Macdonald	Laura Josephine Welch
Dawn Esther Wyatt	

Special Awards

American Legion Citizenship Prize	Richard Mooney
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	Norma McGuigan
Alumni Loyalty Cup	William Neal
Balfour Plaque and Key Award	William Neal
American Legion Post No. 33 Award	William Neal & Norma McGuigan
Becker Business College Award	Malcolm Jones
Reader's Digest Award	William Neal
Legion Auxiliary Award	James Biddiscombe
Roger H. Wyatt Memorial Award	Theodore Pelczar
Huntress All Round Achievement Cup	Richard Mooney
Daughters of American Revolution Award	Dawn Wyatt
Meredith Woman's Progress Club Award . .	Norman Reid, Jr.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Number	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
JAN.				
8	Christina	1	Francis S. McHugh	Ruth E. Marvin
19	Wendy Rae	4	Hilton J. Homer	Adeline N. Pelczar
19	Marianne	1	Laurance C. White	Ilma Gruner
20	Ronald Lee, Jr.	1	Ronald L. Currier	Patricia J. Plummer
20	Robert Francis	2	Francis G. Fortier	Alberta M. Bonner
FEB.				
12	Cynthia Gail	2	Frank E. Mooney	Anita C. Bennett
16	Susan Lynn	4	Elmer C. White	Madeline A. Johnson
20	William Edward, Jr.	1	William E. Desotell	Elsie A. Leggett
26	Wendy Lou	6	Charles F. Jemery	Elizabeth B. Lutz
MAR.				
3	Pamela Ethel	4	Olin A. Drake	Hattie M. Ingram
20	Andrea Lynne	3	Raymond A. Hutchins	Mary A. Marsh
22	Caron Mae	3	Lawrence E. Hart	Gerda B. Euler
27	Dawn Marie	3	Francis M. Hughes	Elizabeth A. Lyons
APR.				
6	Sandra Elizabeth	3	Lindsey Miner	Avis E. Cotton
10	Diane Elizabeth	5	Robert W. Lake	Ruby P. Head
27	John Ernest	2	Antoine E. Valliere	Marguerite L. Faye
MAY				
14	Joy Lee	10	Glenn H. Amsden	Gloria E. Morton
17	Jacqueline Carol	1	Robert O. Evans	Patricia A. Atwood
JUNE				
3	Linda Louise	6	Kenneth A. Dearborn	Bertha W. Weeks
4	Kerrie Lee	3	Roland K. Jenness	Bernice E. Thomas
18	Susan Mary	4	Martin P. Bernard, Jr.	Marjorie A. Hutchins
20	Wayne	4	Leslie Haddock	Lillian M. Bodge
24	Melanie June	1	Eugene L. Manville	Priscilla J. Collins
25	Kathleen	1	Oren T. Collins, Jr.	Edna Lue Veasey
27	Karen Diane	1	William W. Lance	Rita M. Mooney
JULY				
10	Michael Scott	4	Lawrence Morris, Sr.	Barbara L. Anderson
12	Wayne David	1	Randolph R. Kimball	Shirley A. Horne
23	Lawrence Russell, Jr.	2	Lawrence R. Wyatt	Minnie M. Sargent
27	Alan Richard	3	William T. Morrill	Jeannette O. Ladd
AUG.				
3	Audrey Mae	5	Phillip Haddock	Ida M. McCarthy
4	Maureen Sue	3	Theodore McGuigan	Patricia A. Rich
20	Kathleen Ruth	1	Joseph G. Kennedy	Marjorie L. Collins
30	David Quint	3	Thomas L. Kemp	Marian P. Belonga
SEPT.				
1	Horace Blake	2	Maurice D. Olden	Marceline E. Blake
2	Peter George	1	Peter A. Lunt	Ramona M. Brown
7	Kenneth Fay	1	Fay R. Beede	Martha J. Brown
9	Carol Sue	4	Charles H. Bonner	Catherine A. Lutz
9	Donald Gene	1	Percy H. Hoyt, Jr.	Mary L. Dickinson
19	Mildred Ann	2	George F. Wyatt	Phoebe A. Cochran
20	Thomas Allen	2	Donald L. Stewart	Florence M. Conlon
23	Penny Susan	3	Elza T. Blan	Diana A. Welch
27	Linda Elaine	1	Norman R. Batchelder	Ida A. Stafford
OCT.				
19	Richard Paul	2	Richard M. Campbell	Joan Jackson
27	James Leonard	3	Leonard Cote	Mabel D. Howe
27	Edward Henry	1	Milo H. Cheney	Ruth E. Livermore
NOV.				
22	LaFayette Edwin	4	Richard W. Kimball	Maryline L. Quint
16	Michael Alan	1	Donald E. Wood	Betty J. Pocock
21	Susan Jean	2	John W. Malouin	Dorothy J. Plummer
28	Sherri Ann	4	Harold H. Sargent, Jr.	Thelma L. Neill
DEC.				
3	Nancy Lee	1	Robert H. Bonner	Glenna M. Anair
4	Bretton George	1	George I. Weeks	Joyce N. Drouin
13	Steven Roderick	2	Francis S. McHugh	Ruth E. Marvin
16	Sherry Ann	3	Wilbur J. Greene, Jr.	Marjorie G. Gardner

Marriages

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Name & Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage	Age of Each	Name and Residence Of Person By Whom Married
1953 NOV. 21	Bernard F. Romprey Gloria C. Thomas	Lakeport, N. H. Meredith	20 19	Rev. P. A. McDonough Lakeport, N. H.
1954 JAN. 9	Robert L. Hurd Eleanor I. DesRosier	Meredith Laconia, N. H.	21 19	Rev. Roger Blinn Laconia, N. H.
12	Randolph R. Kimball Shirley A. Horne	Meredith Meredith	24 18	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
23	Henry J. Gaudette Betty Gilman	Meredith Meredith	65 58	Rev. John J. Bosa Meredith
FEB. 6	Edward G. Greemore Marjorie E. White	Meredith Tilton, N. H.	27 22	Rev. E. S. Watson Madison, N. H.
MAR. 13	Clarence Williams Phyllis J. Matthews	Meredith Meredith	37 16	Rev. T. A. Hommes Fryeburg, Me.
20	Norman R. Batchelder Ida A. Stafford	Meredith Meredith	21 17	Rev. R. E. Fillinger Meredith
APR. 1	Percy H. Hoyt Mary L. Dickinson	Meredith Meredith	23 16	Rev. Francis Cooper Meredith
3	Robert H. Bonner Glenna M. Anair	Meredith Meredith	26 19	Rev. Francis Cooper Meredith
23	Herman N. Curtis Marguerite C. Curtis	Meredith Meredith	53 53	Rev. Arthur Leaker Ashland, N. H.
24	Donald E. Wood Betty J. Pocock	Laconia, N. H. Meredith	22 20	Rev. Francis Cooper Meredith
25	Frank A. Finley Marguerite McGuigan	Charlestown, N. H. Meredith	25 23	Rev. John J. Bosa Meredith
30	Carleton J. Spear Dorothy M. Celley	Meredith Hooksett, N. H.	54 44	Alice Flanders, J. P. Henniker, N. H.
MAY 3	Kendall N. Moulton Pauline S. Elliott	Meredith N. Sandwich, N. H.	27 31	Rev. Francis Cooper Meredith
15	Ivory N. Phillips Anne Foshay	Meredith Meredith	28 25	Rev. Milford Foshay New Hampton, N.H.
JUNE 5	Francis J. Paquin Ella A. Paquin	Meredith Laconia, N. H.	22 26	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
10	William R. Neill, Sr. Bertha L. Bruno	Meredith Moultonboro, N. H.	56 44	Rev. Lewis Moulton Laconia, N. H.
19	James H. Fadden Mary E. Towers	Meredith Manchester, N. H.	19 18	Rev. Milton Lavery White River Jct, Vt.
JULY 3	Lawrence C. Heath Doris L. Converse	Holderness, N. H. Holderness, N. H.	21 17	Rev. J. Edgar Hickel Farmington, N. H.

24	Deane E. Welch Barbara A. Hiscox	Meredith Jewett City, Conn.	26 24	Rev. Israel Daniels Norwich, Conn.
24	Kenneth W. Russell Frances E. Guay	Meredith Laconia, N. H.	26 18	Rev. Roger Blinn Laconia, N. H.
SEPT.				
11	Robert B. Buckley Jeanette M. Gaudet	Meredith Laconia, N. H.	25 20	Rev. P. A. McDonough Lakeport, N. H.
18	David H. Collins Phyllis G. Bernard	Ctr. Harbor, N. H. Meredith	18 18	Rev. Arthur Leaker Ashland, N. H.
OCT.				
3	Leonard D. Grant Eleanor P. Swett	Meredith Moultonboro, N. H.	39 42	Rev. W. R. Wentworth Ctr. Harbor, N. H.
9	John W. Jobin Lucille M. Anderson	Hartford, Conn. Hartford, Conn.	36 30	Guy U. Horne, J. P. Meredith
DEC.				
4	James S. Parris Evelyn M. Parker	Meredith Brookfield, Vt.	25 17	Rev. W. R. White So. Royalton, Vt.
19	Robert E. Stromwall Sally L. Sawyer	Meredith Madison, Me.	20 19	Rev. R. E. Fillinger Meredith

Deaths

Registered in the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Name	Age — Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Occupation
JAN.						
16	Timothy B. Foote	70			New Hampshire	Painter-Retired
25	Fannie J. Eaton	80			Worcester, Mass.	Housewife
FEB.						
9	Timothy L. McCarthy	68	5	5	Lawrence, Mass.	Supt. Linen Co.
9	Frederick S. Coe	78			New Hampshire	Real Estate-Retired
13	Clarence E. Jenness	69			Derry, N. H.	Painter-Retired
15	Ella B. Valliere	70			Lakeport, N. H.	Housewife
26	Mary A. Prescott	66			Cambridge, Mass.	Housewife
MAR.						
5	Olive L. Allen	53			East Corinth, Vt.	Housewife
7	Bertha L. Leach	81			Sweden	Housewife
15	Carl C. Paine	82			Center Harbor, N. H.	Stock Hand
16	Nelson Bruno	65			Millington, Quebec	Lumberman
APR.						
13	Linnie E. Bacon	88			Rumford, Me.	Dial Painter
16	John E. Humiston	59			Hanover, N. H.	Teacher
24	Alice S. Herbert	82			Auburn, N. H.	Housewife
MAY						
3	William O Stone	77			Athol, Mass.	Trick Shooter
12	Neranzo S. Christie	85			Albania	Housewife
17	Frank G. Bickford	76			New Hampshire	Machinist-Retired
31	Martha A. Teague	88			Wales, Great Britain	Practical Nurse
JUNE						
8	Ada D. Parker	89			Laconia, N. H.	Housewife
JULY						
5-50	Ralph C. Merrill, Jr.	23				U. S. Army
11	Zilla G. Bartlett	60			Lochmere, N. H.	Housekeeper
12	Sadie B. Greenwood	80			Meredith, N. H.	Housewife
JULY						
9	Reginald L. McAll	75			Bocking, England	Musician
17	David C. Brown	16			Meredith, N. H.	Student
17	Edward R. Cline	17			Boston, Mass.	Student
AUG.						
5	Susan C. Pynn	93			Caanan, Canada (N.S.)	Housewife
18	Mary D. Avery	79			Franklin, N. H.	Housewife
31	David Q. Kemp		1		Laconia, N. H.	
SEPT.						
4	Albert M. Baker	75			Massachusetts	Moving Business
10	Louise E. Moore	87			Prov. of Quebec	Housewife
11	Carolyn B. Baker	88			Campton, N. H.	Housewife
14	Emma D. Grant	98			New Hampshire	Housewife
18	Woodbury Davis	89			Gilford, N. H.	Farmer
20	Lula L. Veasey	73			Brentwood, N. H.	Housewife
22	Etta J. Gilman	84			New Hampton, N. H.	Homemaker
OCT.						
3	Frank X. Fortier	71			Quebec, Canada	Caretaker
7	Lewis H. Hill	78			Moultonboro, N. H.	Laborer
16	Marie E. Kimball	60			Port Henry, N. Y.	Housewife
NOV.						
3	Emma M. Kendall	87			Groton, N. H.	Housewife
21	Rose A. Locke	65			St. Albans, Vt.	Housewife
24	Catherine McNamara	77			England	Domestic
DEC.						
3	Georgiana Hart	92			Strafford, N. H.	Housewife
22	Jean H. Meredith	49			Morristown, N. J.	School Teacher
30	Ernest R. Sibley	73			Sanbornville, N. H.	Farmer

Veterans' Exemptions

Chapter 240, Laws of 1947 as Amended by Chapter 167, Laws of 1949 and Chapter 132, Laws of 1951.

29. *Service Exemption.* Every resident of this state who served not less than ninety days in the armed forces of the United States in any of the following wars or armed conflicts, the Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, World War II, or Korean Conflict, as hereinafter defined who have been discharged or or separated therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable or the spouse of such resident, or the widow of such resident, and every resident, or the spouse of such resident, whose services were terminated for a service-connected disability, and the widow of any resident who suffered a service-connected death, in consideration of such service, shall be exempt each year from taxation upon his or her taxable property as assessed by the selectmen, to the value of one thousand dollars, provided such person and spouse do not own taxable property in this state, exclusive of *bona fide* encumbrances of record thereon, to the value of more than five thousand dollars. The following terms as used in this section shall be construed as follows:

- (1) "Spanish War" between April 21, 1898 and April 11, 1899.
- (2) "Philippine Insurrection" between April 12, 1899 and July 4, 1902 extended to July 15, 1903 for service in the Moro Provinces.
- (3) "Boxer Rebellion" between June 16, 1900 and May 12, 1901.
- (4) "World War I" between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 extended to April 1, 1920 for service in Russia, provided that reenlistment in military and naval service on or after November 12, 1918 and before July 2, 1921 where there was prior service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918 shall be considered as World War I service.
- (5) "World War II" between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946.
- (6) "Korean Conflict" between June 25, 1950 and the cessation of hostilities.

29-a. *Proration of Exemption.* If any entitled person or persons shall own a fractional interest in taxable property, each such entitled person shall be granted exemption in proportion to his interest therein with other persons so entitled, but in no case shall the total exemption exceed one thousand dollars except as provided in section 29-b.

29-b. *Husband and Wife.* A husband and wife, each qualified for exemption, shall be entitled to an exemption of two thousand dollars on their taxable property, provided they do not together own taxable property in this state exclusive of *bona fide* encumbrances of record thereon to the value of more than five thousand dollars.

29-c. *Veterans of Allied Forces.* Any person otherwise entitled under the provisions of sections 29, 29-a or 29-b of this chapter who being a citizen of the United States, or being a resident of New Hampshire, at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the

armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars set forth in section 29 shall be entitled to the exemption authorized by said section.

29-d. *Application for Exemption.* No person shall be entitled to the exemptions provided by section 29 unless he shall have filed with the selectmen or assessors, on or before April fifteenth of each year, an application therefor signed under penalty of perjury, on a form approved by the state tax commission, showing that the applicant is duly qualified and is the true and lawful owner of said property by presenting evidence of title and setting forth the name of the holder, character and amount of any *bona fide* encumbrance of record thereon and on his other taxable property. If any person, otherwise qualified to receive such exemption, shall satisfy the selectmen or assessors that he was prevented by accident, mistake or misfortune from filing said application before April fifteenth, said officials may receive said application at a later date and grant an exemption thereunder; but no such application shall be received or exemption granted after the local tax rate is approved.

29-e. *Investigation.* On receipt of said application the selectmen or assessors shall examine the same with reference to the right of exemption, the ownership of the property listed and the encumbrances reported; and if they are satisfied that the applicant has willfully made any false statement in such application for the purpose of obtaining the exemption, they may refuse the applicant an exemption; but said applicant may appeal in writing within six months of receipt of the tax bill, to the state tax commission, which may order an exemption, or an abatement if a tax has been assessed.

29-f. *Total Disability.* If any person, qualified as defined in section 29 of this chapter, shall be totally and permanently disabled from service connection, he or his wife or widow shall be exempt from taxation to the value of three thousand dollars under the conditions set forth in sections 29, 29-a, 29-b and 29-c of this chapter; provided that in the case of undivided ownership, the limit of exemption for total disability shall be three thousand dollars as regards the interest of such entitled persons therein.

29-g. *Definition.* The word "resident" as used in section 29 shall mean a person who has resided in this state for at least six months preceding April 1, in the year in which exemption is claimed. In case a person eligible for tax exemption hereunder shall own taxable property in more than one town, he shall take his exemption first in the town where he resides. If he does not own the exemption limit in value of taxable property in the town where he resides, he shall be entitled to take the balance of such exemption in any other town in the state where he owns taxable property.

29-h. *Interpretations and Regulations.* The state tax commission is hereby authorized and empowered to make such reasonable interpretations and constructions of sections 29 through 29-g, subject to the approval of the attorney general, as will carry out the spirit and purpose of said sections and to make such reasonable rules and regulations as will insure a uniformity of observance and enforcement of said provisions throughout the state.

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Granted in 1748 by the proprietors who had purchased the land from the heirs of John Trafton Mason. The old township was declared to be six miles square. In 1754 the northern line was extended to twelve miles and included Meredith Neck.

First called Palmerstown, in honor of Samuel Palmer who settled here in 1748 and later known as New Salem, the town was incorporated in 1768 under a petition presented at Portsmouth by Colonel Ebenezer Smith and David Lawrence.

The name, Meredith, was suggested by the Royal Governor John Wentworth in honor of his friend, Sir William Meredith of England.

The old township of Meredith comprised an area of 35,777 acres and extended to the bridge on Main Street in what is now Laconia and also included a part of what is now Center Harbor. Division of Meredith for the portion set aside in forming Laconia was made in 1855.

Elder Nicholas Folsom, the first settled pastor was ordained September 1782 and the Baptist Society incorporated in December 1797 was the first organized church.

In 1845 the Town voted to purchase \$10,000 in capital stock of the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad which was opened to Meredith on March 19, 1849.

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